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European Societies of Work in Transformation: Comparative and Transnational Perspectives on Great Britain, Sweden and West Germany during the Seventies

International Conference to be held at the German Historical Institute London
Date: 26–28 November 2009

Convenors: Kerstin Brückweh (GHI London), Andreas Gestrich (GHI London), Bernhard Rieger (University College London)

Thursday, 26 November 2009

14.00 Registration

14.30 – 16.30

Panel 1: Structural Economic Transformations in Comparative Perspective

Chair: Kerstin Brückweh (London)

Werner Abelshauser (Bielefeld), Germany after the Miracle: A Return to Normality?

Martin J. Daunton (Cambridge), Floating and Inflation: The Political Economy of Domestic Institutions and the International Economy in Britain, 1971-1979

Norbert Götz (Helsinki), 'We Don't Move!': 1968, 1973 and the Fall of the Swedish Model

Comment: *Jeroen Touwen* (Leiden)

Discussion

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee/ Tea Break

17.00 – 18.00

Chair: Bernhard Rieger (London)

Keynote Lecture: *Bo Stråth* (Helsinki), The Break Down of the Western World Order in the 1970s through the Retrospect Lenses of the Collapse in 2008

Conference Dinner (all participants are invited)

Friday, 27 November 2009

9.30 – 12.00

Panel 2: The Search for Remedies to Problems of Work and Unemployment in the Seventies

Chair: Andreas Gestrich (London)

Bernhard Rieger (London), The Crisis at Volkswagen

Antoine Capet (Rouen), ‘The British Worker Has Priced Himself out of a Job’: Full Employment and the ‘Culture of Work’ in 1970s Britain

Gustav Sjöblom (Göteborg), Mainframe Computing and the Transformation of Business Practices in Sweden

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee/ Tea Break

11.00 – 12.00

Comment: *Lutz Raphael* (Trier)

Discussion

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 15.00

Panel 3: Beyond Utopias: Expectations of the Future in Societies of Work during the 70s

Chair: Bernhard Rieger (London)

Rüdiger Graf (Bochum), A Transformation of Politics? Oil and Energy-Politics in West Germany and Great Britain in the 1970s

Elke Seefried (Augsburg), Towards the Limits to Growth? West German and British Future Studies in the 1970s

Jens Ljunggren (Lund), Political Time and Political Emotion. 1968 and the Concept of Historical Progress

Comment: *Holger Nehring* (Sheffield)

Discussion

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee/ Tea Break

15.30 – 17.30

Panel 4: Politics of Education in Societies of Work

Chair: Andreas Gestrich (London)

Wilfried Rudloff (Kassel), Conflicting Aims and Shifting Priorities in the Crisis Years of Social-Democratic Educational Politics

Jenny Andersson (Paris), A Genealogy of the Knowledge Society. From Post-Capitalist to Capitalist Utopia 1970-2000

Michaela Brockmann, Linda Clarke, Christopher Winch (London), Skilled Versus Qualified Labour: Convergence and Divergence in Vocational Educational Training in Britain and Germany in the 1970s

Comment: *Cornelia Rauh* (Hannover)

Discussion

18.00 Dinner “Pizza Paradiso”, 35 Store Street, WC1E 7BS

Saturday, 28 November 2009

9.30 – 12.00

Panel 5: The Expansion of Consumerism During a Period of Economic Problems

Chair: Kerstin Brückweh (London)

Fernando Esposito (Tübingen), Lose your Illusions. Punk as Counter-Culture

Helena Mattsson (Stockholm), Designing the Last Subject of the Welfare State. The Basic Consumer

Alex Mold (London), Illegal Drugs and the Consumer in 1970s Britain

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee/ Tea Break

11.00 – 12.00

Comment: *Frank Trentmann* (London)

Discussion

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 14.30

Panel 6: The Changing Role of Families in the 1970s

Chair: Bernhard Rieger (London)

Hans Bertram (Berlin), Three Revolutions: Continuity and Change in Family Development in Germany

Hilary Land (Bristol), The 1970s: The Beginning of the Demise of the British Male Breadwinner Model

Comment: *Andreas Gestrich* (London)

Discussion

14.30 – 14.45 Coffee/ Tea Break

14.45 – 15.30

Panel discussion:

Chair: Kerstin Brückweh (London)

Martin Geyer (München)

Martin J. Daunton (Cambridge)

Jenny Andersson (Paris)

15.30 End of Conference