

Stein Kuhnle



Stein Kuhnle is Professor of Comparative Social Policy at Hertie School of Governance. He completed his cand.polit.rerum degree at the University of Bergen (Norway) in 1973. He was at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. and at the Graduate School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley, on a Ford Foundation Post-Doc Fellowship in 1977. He was appointed Professor of Comparative Politics in Bergen in 1982, and chaired the Department for almost 15 years during 1983–2005. Since 2006 he has taught Comparative Social Policy and Welfare State Reform at the Hertie School, Stein Kuhnle has published widely in the field of comparative welfare state studies, and in many languages. His publications include *Patterns of Social and Political Mobilization: A Historical Analysis of the Nordic Countries* (Sage, 1975); *Survival of the European Welfare State* (ed.; Routledge, 2000); *Normative Foundations of the Welfare State: The Nordic Experience* (ed. with Nanna Kildal; Routledge, 2005); and *The Nordic Welfare State* (ed. with Chen Yinzhong, Klaus Petersen and Pauli Kettunen, published in Chinese by Fudan University Press; 2010).

Varieties of Welfare States: Europe – Asia

Symposium in Honour of Stein Kuhnle

14 March 2013
9.30–18.00

Programme

The welfare state is a European invention with global reach. While the welfare state has historically evolved into different forms in Europe, we are witnessing its globalization. Alongside this process, social policy innovations appear in emerging economies. At the same time, the global financial crisis and demographic changes put both, established and emerging welfare states, under severe stress. Therefore, the future financial and political sustainability of welfare states is prominent on the agenda of decision-makers.

The Hertie School is proud to welcome a number of renowned and distinguished scholars of welfare state studies at the Symposium “Varieties of Welfare States: Europe – Asia”. These experts will discuss the historical development and the current status and challenges of welfare states in Europe and Asia. Their focus will be on the region, in which we find the historical origin of welfare states, and the region of a spectacular economic miracle in recent decades, particularly China and South Korea. Within Europe, the “Nordic model” has recently attracted special attention, and is a topic which has been at the core of Professor Stein Kuhnle’s research interests.

9.30

Opening Remarks by the Dean

Helmut K. Anheier, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin

Introduction

Stein Kuhnle, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin

10.00

Keynote

Göran Persson, fmr. Prime Minister of Sweden

10.45

Coffee Break

11.00

Panel I

The European experience

Chair: Anke Hassel, Hertie School of Governance
Presentations: Peter Flora, Professor Emeritus, University of Mannheim
Herbert Obinger, University of Bremen
Discussant: Will Arts, University of Tilburg

12.30

Lunch

14.00

Panel II

The Nordic Model

Chair: Stein Kuhnle, Hertie School of Governance
Presentations: Joakim Palme, University of Uppsala
Anette Borchorst, University of Aalborg
Discussant: Ellen Immergut, Humboldt University Berlin

15.30

Coffee Break

15.30

Panel III

East Asia: Reinventing the Welfare State

Chair: Steffen Mau, University of Bremen
Presentations: Chunrong Liu, Fudan University
Huck-ju Kwon, Seoul National University
Discussant: Lutz Leisering, University of Bielefeld

17.30

Concluding Remarks & Acknowledgment

18.00

Reception