

INSP Annual Meeting

Preliminary Agenda

September 12–14
University of Bergen
Bergen, Norway



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Organizing committee at the University of Bergen: *Marit Skivenes* and the *Center for Research on Discretion and Paternalism*.

Organizing committee at INSP: *Douglas J. Besharov* and *Neil Gilbert*.

Agenda overview in brief

Wednesday (September 12th)

19.30:

Business Dinner at Colonialen Litteraturhuset

Venue: Fosse-stova at Litteraturhuset, Østre Skostredet 5.

Sponsored by Oxford University Press.

Thursday (September 13th)

09.00 – 12.15:

Symposium: “Systematic reviews - Better Policy Implementation?”

Venue: Conference room at Bergen Resource Centre, Jekteviksbakken 31.

13.15 – 16.15:

Symposium: Seminar on Systematic Reviews (optional)

Venue: Seminar room 5 at Faculty of Law, Magnus Lagabøtes Plass 1.

Seminar for interested network members, UiB Faculty and PhD Candidates.

18.00:

Business dinner at De Bergenske, Hotell Zander K

Venue: HZK at Hotell Zander K, Zander Kaaes gate 8.

Sponsored by Centre for Research on Discretion and Paternalism.

September 14th – Friday

08.30 – 10.00:

Public Forum: “Immigration and its Discontents“

Venue: Café Christie, Muséplassen 3.

10.00 – 17.00:

Network Meeting

Venue: Meeting room 904, Faculty of Social Sciences, Fosswinckels gate 6.

19.00: Dinner at Bien Centro (optional)

Venue: Nordahl Bruns gate 9.

September 15th – Saturday

Group travel – Norwegian Fjords and Mountains (optional)

Agenda in detail

Wednesday, September 12

19:30 Business Dinner

Colonialen Litteraturhuset (Fosse-stova), Østre Skostredet 5.

Sponsored by Oxford University Press.

- ***Evidence-Based Policy Analysis: Promise and Challenges***

Jacob Klerman, Abt Associates

Evaluation and policy analysis more broadly aim to yield better programs and policies and thereby better outcomes for citizens. Evidence-based policy is a natural approach to implementing that logic model. Using evidence to make policy, however, turns out to be difficult and attempting to do so has the potential to make things worse. This talk considers some of the challenges as well as some approaches to addressing these challenges, including more evaluation, more sophisticated use of existing evaluation evidence, and greater modesty about how informative the available evidence really is.

Comments/reactions: *Alexey Barabashev, Higher School of Economics, David Reingold, Purdue University, and Howard White, Campbell Collaboration*

Thursday, September 13

09.00 Symposium: “Systematic reviews - Better Policy Implementation?”

Conference room at Bergen Resource Centre, Jekteviksbakken 31.

09:00–09:15 Welcome and Introductions

Marit Skivenes, University of Bergen

Douglas Besharov, University of Maryland

Neil Gilbert, University of California, Berkeley

09:15-10:45 Are Systematic Reviews the Next Step in Evidence-Based Policy Analysis?

- ***What are Campbell Collaboration systematic reviews? How are they used?***
Howard White, Campbell Collaboration
- ***Other systematic (and non-systematic) literature reviews for policy and planning***
Jacob Klerman, Abt Associates

10:45–11:00 Coffee Break (incl. snack)

11:00–12:15 Are Systematic Reviews the Next Step in Evidence-Based ... (cont.)

- ***Adding a formal policy analysis*** *Martin Potucek, Charles University*
- ***Establishing National and Regional Centers for Systematic Reviews***
Howard White, Campbell Collaboration
- ***Personnel***
- ***Funding***
- ***Auspice and structure***

12:15 Lunch

Venue TBA.

13:15 Seminar on Systematic Reviews (optional)

Seminar room 5 at Faculty of Law, Magnus Lagabøtes Plass 1.

The Center for Research on Discretion and Paternalism will plan a few touristic activity options for those not attending the seminar

13:15–16:15 Seminar on Systematic Reviews

- ***Developing a Protocol*** *Howard White, Campbell Collaboration*

- Selecting a topic and deciding its scope
- Search strategy, including software and data bases
- Inclusion/exclusion criteria, including methodologies
- Quality assessments
- Data extraction
- Evidence gap maps
- **Synthesis** (*Jacob Klerman, Abt Associates*)
 - Qualitative
 - When appropriate
 - Order for presenting findings (thematically, chronologically, etc.)
 - Degree of study quality assessment
 - Quantitative (Meta-analysis)
 - When appropriate
 - Dealing with heterogeneity (fixed vs random effects)
 - Meta-regressions
- **Discussion/Analysis** (*Douglas Call, University of Maryland*)
 - How the findings fit within the program context (e.g., program theory, program design, implementation, and the possibly changing counterfactual)
 - Generalizability to other contexts
 - Implications for policy
- **Publication**
 - The Campbell process (*Howard White, Campbell Collaboration*)
 - Journal publication (*Jacob Klerman, Abt Associates*)

18:00

Business Dinner

De Bergenske, HZK at Hotell Zander K, Zander Kaaes gate 8.

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- **European Attitudes about Immigration and their Political Consequences¹**
Mark H. Lopez, Pew Research Center
Comments/reactions: *Guido Merzoni, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, and Sagrario Segado Sánchez-Cabezudo, INED*
- ***The Future of Europe: What the Polls Say about the Attitudes of Europeans toward the Future of Europe and the European Union and about the Future of Their Own Countries***
Mark H. Lopez, Pew Research Center
Country specific comments/reactions from Martin Potůček, Charles University and Pawel Polawski, University of Warsaw
- ***Implications for Higher Education If the European Union Changes***
Paola Mattei, University of Milan
Comments/Reactions: *David Reingold, Purdue University*

¹ This talk will also be given at the breakfast seminar on Friday, Sept. 14.

Friday, September 14

08:30 Public Forum: Immigration and its Discontents

Café Christie, Muséplassen 3.

08:30-09:00 European Attitudes about Immigration and their Political Consequences

Mark H. Lopez, director of global migration and research, Pew Research Center

09:00-09:50 Comments and discussions

*Dr. Frøy Gudbrandsen, editor at newspaper Bergens Tidende
(*More panelists TBA*)*

10.00 Network meeting for INSP members

Meeting room 904, Faculty of Social Sciences, Fosswinckels gate 6.

10:00-10:15 Welcome and Review of Agenda

*Douglas Besharov, University of Maryland
Neil Gilbert, University of California, Berkeley*

10:15-11:15 Oxford Global Handbook Series

Neil Gilbert, University of California, Berkeley

Handbooks: Approved

Public Administration for Social Policy: Promising Practices and Emerging Challenges

Karen Baehler, American University, ed. (approved in 2017)

Social Program Design and Implementation Evaluation

*Anu Rangarajan, Mathematica Policy Research; and Diane Paulsell,
Mathematica Policy Research; eds. (approved in 2017)*

Family Policy: A Life-Course Perspective

*Neil Gilbert, University of California, Berkeley; Emiko Ochiai, Kyoto
University; Birgit Pfau-Effinger, University of Hamburg; and Douglas
Besharov, University of Maryland; eds. (approved in 2018)*

Child Protection Systems

Jill Berrick, University of California, Berkeley; Neil Gilbert, University of California, Berkeley; and Marit Skivenes, University of Bergen; eds.
(approved in 2018)

Handbook: To be Reviewed

International Handbook of Education: A Policy Research Approach

Paola Mattei, University of Milan; Xavier Dumay, University of Louvain;
and Antonina Santalova, University of Oxford; eds.

11:15-11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30-12:30 **Oxford International Policy Exchange Series**

Douglas Besharov, University of Maryland

Policy Exchanges: To be Reviewed

US Income Trends (working title)

Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Manhattan Institute, ed.

European Income Trends (working title)

Georg Fischer, European Commission (ret.); and Robert Strauss, European Commission, eds.

Balancing Fiscal and Social Sustainability in European Pension Systems

Amilcar Moreira, University of Lisbon; and Gijsbrecht Dekkers, Federal Planning Bureau, Belgium

12:30 Lunch

Meeting room 904, Faculty of Social Sciences, Fosswinckels gate 6.

13:45 Network meeting for INSP members (cont.)

Meeting room 904, Faculty of Social Sciences, Fosswinckels gate 6.

13:45-14:15 ***Policy Exchanges: To be Reviewed (continued)***

The World Politics of Social Investment: The Welfare State in the Knowledge Economy

Julian Garritzmann, University of Zurich; Silja Hausermann, University of Zurich; and Bruno Palier, Sciences Po. (video link)

Additional comments: Birgit Pfau-Effinger, University of Hamburg

14:15-15:00 **Conferences/Policy Seminars**

(Academic/research activities in which more than two members participate or the Network is identified as a cosponsor)

Neil Gilbert, University of California, Berkeley

European Center for Research, Policies, and Action for Minors and Migration and the ‘International Journal of Child Welfare Policy’ (Melilla, April 2018)

Network members Sagrario Segado Sánchez-Cabezudo and Marit Skivenes established the European Center for Research, Policies, and Action for Minors and Migration in December 2017. In April 2018, they held the third annual seminar on research, policies, and actions for migrant minors in Melilla, Europe, and Spain. Network members Neil Gilbert and Mark H. Lopez also participated in the seminar.

In addition, Sagrario Segado Sánchez-Cabezudo and Neil Gilbert are launching a new journal titled *The International Journal of Child Welfare Services*. It is proposed that INSP members serve as the international editorial advisory board.

Rigorous Impact Evaluation in Europe (Torino, May 20-22)

This conference honored Alberto Martini and was cosponsored by *Evaluation Review*, the Collegio Carlo Alberto, the University of Maryland, and the Network. The conference included keynote talks by prominent researchers and policy-makers, including Daniele Bondonio, Università del Piemonte Orientale; Senator Laura Bottici, Italian Senate; Eric Hanushek, Stanford University; Alberto Martini, Università del Piemonte Orientale; Rebecca Maynard, University of Pennsylvania; Stefano Scarpetta, Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development; and Jeffrey Smith, University of Wisconsin.

In addition, twenty-six papers were presented in ten panels on the following topics: cross-national generalizability in impact evaluation, economic growth/development, employment protection and contracts, elementary/primary education, issues and approaches to conducting rigorous impact evaluation, refugee and migrant policies, secondary and post-secondary education, systematic reviews, welfare policies and employment, and workforce development. In total, about fifty people attended the conference.

A special issue of *Evaluation Review* that contains some of the papers will be published in the future.

UNED Social Policy Seminar on “Social Policies and the Welfare State” (Malaga, May 2018)

Under the leadership of Antonio Lopez, the “IV International Seminar on Social Policies and the Welfare State” was held at the University of Malaga, Spain, May 23-25, 2018. Participants included Pablo Alvarez, ISCTE-IUL; Jill Berrick,

University of California, Berkeley; Joaquin Castillo de Mesa, University of Málaga; Sofia Dedotsi, University of Northumbria; Neil Gilbert, University of California, Berkeley; Ana López Narbona, University of Málaga; Chaime Marcuello Servos, University of Zaragoza; and Joseph Roscoe, University of California, Berkeley.

Family Sensitive Social Protection Consultation Meeting (Doha, June 2018)

Seven members of the Network (Douglas Besharov, University of Maryland; Timo Fleckenstein, London School of Economics; Neil Gilbert, University of California, Berkeley; Antonio Lopez, UNED, Traute Meyer, University of Southampton; Jacqueline O'Reilly, University of Sussex; and Marit Skivenes, University of Bergen) attended a two-day expert meeting of international scholars convened to review Neil Gilbert's report on Family Sensitive Social Protection. This meeting, held in Doha on June 26-27, was co-sponsored by the Qatar Foundation's Doha International Family Institute (DIFI) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA). Plans to follow-up this meeting with future symposiums co-sponsored with DIFI are currently under discussion. During this time in Doha, the Network members along with Dr. Anis Brik of DIFI also meet with members of the Brookings Institute of Qatar.

Helping Low-Skilled Americans Find Work: Using Comparative Effectiveness Performance Monitoring to Strengthen the Capacity of Public Employment Agencies (Austrian Embassy, Washington, D.C., November 2018)

In the US, the University of Maryland is working with the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research on a project that seeks to develop, test, and disseminate an enhanced approach to performance monitoring that (1) better assesses program functioning, (2) provides the tools to learn from high- and low-performers, and (3) encourages the adoption of the most promising practices. We received funding for the project in February and the project is now in its initial stage of developing the initial data collection and analysis plan.

On the Austrian side, researchers at WIFO hope to conduct a parallel project in Austria, with the possibility of expanding the project to other countries in Europe. On November 13, 2018, UMD and WIFO will jointly convene a briefing on the subject at the Austrian Embassy in Washington, DC.

From the Austrian side, we hope that Beate Hartinger-Klein, Austrian Minister of Labor, Social Affairs, Health, and Consumer protection will open the meeting. Confirmed participants include Christoph Badelt, director of the Austrian Institute of Economic Research; Georg Fischer, the recently retired director of the Analysis, Evaluation, and External Relations division of the European Commission; Johannes Kopf, director general of the Austrian Public Employment Service; and Helmut Mahringer, research analyst at the Austrian Institute of Economic Research.

From the American side, we hope that Alexander Acosta, US Secretary of Labor, will also give a welcome. Confirmed participants include senior staff from the US House and Senate; Burt Barnow, George Washington University; Randall Eberts, Upjohn Institute; Jacob Klerman, Abt Associates and *Evaluation Review*; LaDonna Pavetti, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; and Jeffrey Smith, University of Wisconsin.

15:00-15:10 **Faculty/Student Exchanges**

Charles University/University of California, Berkeley

Charles University sent two scholars, Selma Muhic Dizdarevic and Ondrej Kopecny, for three years to conduct research at the University of California, Berkeley's School of Social Welfare as Fulbright scholars. They were sponsored by Neil Gilbert based on Martin Potucek's recommendation.

University of Tübingen/University of California, Berkeley and University of Maryland

The University of Tübingen has proposed sending a junior researcher to the US for one year beginning in the fall of 2019, splitting his/her time at the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Maryland. The researcher would focus on US welfare policy, specifically Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and their respective residence requirements as well as the effects of the 1999 US Supreme Court ruling in *Saenz v. Roe* on caseloads and budgets in California.

15:10-15:40 **International Teaching**

Douglas Besharov, University of Maryland

Sorbonne/OECD/UMD on "Understanding and Synthesizing Evidence-Based Research" (Paris, Summer 2018)

In summer 2017, Douglas Besharov and Douglas Call taught a three-week course in Paris titled "Comparative Policy Analysis and Practical Program Evaluation." Other guest faculty were Neil Gilbert, University of California, Berkeley; Jacob Klerman, Abt Associates, David Myers, American Institutes of Research; Anu Rangarajan, Mathematica Policy Research; Stefano Scarpetta, OECD; and David Seidenfeld, American Institutes of Research.

The course was held at the Pantheon-Sorbonne campus. Students selected a topic of their choosing for which to prepare a policy analysis. We attempted to match students with policy analysts from the OECD who could give them guidance on their policy analyses. Unfortunately, many of the students selected narrow topics that were US-focused which made it difficult for OECD analysts to provide much guidance.

For our 2018 summer course in Paris, we made three major changes from the previous year:

(1) The biggest change was that we enlisted “clients” to submit proposals of research reviews on topics of the clients’ choosing. Clients included five offices at the OECD, the Agence Francaise de Developpement, UNESCO, the Institut National d’Etudes Démographiques, and the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement. Students were matched to clients before traveling to Paris and met with their clients in-person during the two weeks they were in Paris.

(2) We narrowed the topic of the course to focus on systematic reviews and research reviews. In 2017, the topic of the course was policy analysis and program evaluation.

Subtopics for the course included problem specification, inclusion/exclusion criteria, developing a search strategy, evidence gap maps, assessment of the quality of research, and methods of synthesis.

(3) We changed the dates that students were in Paris from the first three weeks in July to the first two weeks in June.

As with last year’s course, the length of the course was not strictly limited to the days in Paris. In the beginning of May, students were sent a list of potential projects and selected the projects they were most interested in. Students were then expected to reach out to their clients to identify the scope of their projects. In mid-May, we held an online pre-departure orientation that included assigned readings to the students on the different forms of cross-study analyses and literature reviews.

Course instruction took place in Paris from June 3–June 14, meeting for about three-and-a-half hours every day. Students used their afternoons to meet with clients and prepare assignments. On the final day in Paris, students presented detailed research plans to their clients. The students’ final assignments (research reviews) are due at the end of August, about two-and-a-half months after leaving Paris.

Successful students received three master’s level credits from UMD. (Tuition was approximately \$3,700, not including transportation to Paris .)

In general, we found that this was a successful model. All of the clients were enthusiastic about working with the students and every student was able to meet with their clients at least once while in Paris, many for multiple times either in person or by Skype.

It is possible, however, that the narrowness of the topic or the title of the course depressed student interest. (Only nine students enrolled in the course.) For a future summer course, one possible title for the course could be Applied Policy Analysis: Research Reviews and Program Evaluation—with an option for students to prepare research reviews, policy analyses, or similar products, again with topics selected by clients.

In addition, one possibility to increase enrollment is to encourage INSP members to participate as guest faculty, with the course paying the expenses for the faculty

member if a specified number of students from their university enroll in the course.

15:40–17:00 **Additional programming**

19:00 Dinner (optional)

Bien Centro, Nordahl Bruns gate 9.

This dinner will be an optional and informal get-together. Please note that attendees are responsible for paying for their own meals and drinks

Appendix A

Oxford International Policy Exchange Series: Past and Approved Volumes

Policy Exchanges: Past Volumes

(in chronological order)

United in Diversity? Comparing Social Models in Europe and America

Jens Alber and Neil Gilbert, eds. (2010)

Child Protection Services: International Trends and Orientations

Neil Gilbert, Nigel Parton, and Marit Skivenes, eds. (2011)

The Korean State and Social Policy: How South Korea Lifted Itself from Poverty and Dictatorship to Affluence and Democracy

Stein Ringen, Huck-je Kwon, Ilcheong Yi, Taekyoon Kim, and Jooha Lee, eds. (2011)

Counting the Poor: New Thinking About European Poverty Measures and Lessons for the United States

Douglas J. Besharov and Kenneth A. Couch, eds., (2012)

The Age of Dualization: The Changing Face of Inequality in Deindustrializing Societies

Patrick Emmenegger, Silja Hausermann, Bruno Palier, and Martin Seelib-Kaiser, eds. (2012)

Chinese Social Policy in a Time of Transition

Douglas J. Besharov and Karen Baehler, eds. (2013)

Social Policy and Citizenship: The Changing Landscape

Adalbert Evers and Anne-Marie Guillemard, eds. (2013)

Reconciling Work and Poverty Reduction: How Successful are European Welfare States?

Bea Cantillon and Frank Vandenbroucke, eds. (2014)

Activation or Workfare? Governance and the Neo-Liberal Convergence

Ivar Lodemel and Amilcar Moreira, eds. (2014)

University Adaptation in Difficult Economic Times

Paola Mattei, ed. (2014)

Child Welfare Systems and Migrant Children

Marit Skivenes, Ravinder Barn, Katrin Kriz, and Tarja Poso, eds. (2014)

A World in Motion: Trends in Migration and Migration Policy

Douglas J. Besharov and Mark H. Lopez, eds. (2015)

Child Welfare Removals by the State: A Cross-Country Analysis of Decision-Making Systems

Kenneth Burns, Tarja Pivsv, and Marit Skivenes, eds. (2016)

Caring for a Living: Migrant Women, Aging Citizens, and Italian Families

Francesca Degiuli, ed. (2016)

Improving Public Services: International Experiences in Using Evaluation Tools to Measure Program Performance

Douglas J. Besharov, Karen Baehler, and Jacob A. Klerman, eds. (2017)

Welfare, Work, and Poverty: Social Assistance in China

Qin Gao, ed. (2017)

Policy Exchanges: Approved and Pending

Labor Activation in Times of High (and Low) Unemployment: Encouraging Work While Preserving the Social Safety-Net

Douglas Besharov and Douglas Call, University of Maryland, eds. (approved in 2014)