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presents

Comparative Child and Family Policy: A Conference in Honor of Sheila B. Kamerman

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Columbia University Faculty House
Presidential Level
64 Morningside Drive

9:00 Welcome and introductions

Chair: Irwin Garfinkel, Columbia University

Opening Remarks

Jeanette C. Takamura, Dean of the Columbia University School of Social Work

An Overview of Sheila Kamerman's Life, Career, and Contributions

Brenda G. McGowan, Fordham University

9:30 Session 1: The Context

Chair: Ester R. Fuchs, Columbia University

Setting the Scene: The Mix of Family Policy Objectives and Packages across the OECD

Willem Adema, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Social Policy Division

From Comparative Social Policy to Global Social Policy: Lessons for Development Practitioners from UNICEF's Global Study on Child Poverty

Gáspár Fajth, **Solrun Engilbertsdottir** and Sharmila Kurukulasuriya, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

10:30 Break

10:45 Session 2: Recent Policy Developments

Chair: Jennifer March-Joly, Citizens' Committee for Children

Recent Reforms in Childcare and Family Policies in France and Germany: What Was at Stake?
Jeanne Fagnani, University of Paris

The Nordic Child Care Regime – History, Development and Challenges
Niels Ploug, Statistics Denmark

11:45 Session 3: Policy Domains

Chair: Jane M. Spinak, Columbia Law School

A Comparative Study of Child Welfare Systems: Abstract Orientations and Concrete Results
Neil Gilbert, University of California, Berkeley

Parental Leaves and Early Childhood Education and Care: From Mapping the Terrain to Exploring the Environment
Peter Moss, University of London

12:45 Lunch

1:45 Session 4: Child Well-Being

Chair: Kristin Anderson Moore, Child Trends

Child Poverty in Cross-National Perspective: Lessons from the Luxembourg Income Study
Janet C. Gornick, The City University of New York (CUNY) and **Markus Jäntti**, Luxembourg Income Study (LIS)

How Do We Measure and Monitor the "State of Our Children"? Revisiting in Honor of Sheila B. Kamerman
Asher Ben-Arieh, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

2:45 Session 5: Policies in Developing Countries

Chair: Geraldine Downey, Columbia University

Social Protection and Children in Developing Countries
Shirley Gatenio Gabel, Fordham University

UNICEF's Child Friendly Schools Initiative: Measurement Challenges for Cross-National Comparative Policy Analysis
Lawrence Aber, Erin Godfrey, Leslie Williams, Juliette Berg, Catalina Torrente and Sharon Wolf, New York University

3:45 Break

4:00 Session 6: Future Directions

Chair: Sharon Lynn Kagan, Columbia Teachers College

The Role of Early Child Care and Education in Promoting Social Mobility: Evidence from Denmark and the United States
Gosta Esping-Anderson, Universitat Pompeu Fabra; Irwin Garfinkel, Columbia University; Wen-Jui Han, Columbia University; Katherine Magnuson, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Sander Wagner, Universitat Pompeu Fabra; and **Jane Waldfogel**, Columbia University

The Case for Universal Child Benefits
Jonathan Bradshaw, University of York

5:00 Concluding Remarks

Chair: Jonathan R. Cole, Columbia University

Sheila Kamerman, Columbia University

5:30 Reception

Skyline Level, Faculty House

SHEILA B. KAMERMAN

Sheila B. Kamerman is the Compton Foundation Centennial Professor at the Columbia University School of Social Work and has been a member of the faculty for 32 years. She is an active and prolific social policy practitioner and scholar.

In addition to her research and scholarly writing, she serves on several Boards of Directors of child and policy-related organizations, including: Zero to Three: The National Center for Infants and Toddlers and their Families, Citizen's Committee for the Children of New York; the Children's Rights Division of Human Rights Watch, the International Society for Child Indicators, and the National Partnership of Women and Families.

She is on the Advisory Board of several scholarly journals, including the Children and Youth Services Review, the Social Service Review, Child Indicators Research, and the International Social Security Review. She is a frequent lecturer on such topics as how America neglects its youngest children, balancing work and family life, family change and family policies internationally.

She consults with U.S. and international organizations regarding early childhood education and care, parental leave policies, social protection and children, and child poverty.

Participant Biographies
in alphabetical order

LAWRENCE ABER

Lawrence Aber is Distinguished Professor of Applied Psychology and Public Policy at New York University, and board chair of its Institute of Human Development and Social Change. He earned his Ph.D. from Yale University and an A.B. from Harvard University. He is an internationally recognized expert in child development and social policy and has co-edited *Neighborhood Poverty: Context and Consequences for Children* (1997, Russell Sage Foundation), *Assessing the Impact of September 11th 2001 on Children Youth and Parents: Lessons for Applied Developmental Science* (2004, Erlbaum) and *Child Development and Social Policy: Knowledge for Action* (2006, APA Publications). His basic research examines the influence of poverty and violence, at the family and community levels, on the social, emotional, behavioral, cognitive and academic development of children and youth. He is Chair of the Board of Directors of the Children's Institute, University of Cape Town, South Africa; and of the Forum for Youth Investment in Washington, D.C.

WILLEM ADEMA

Willem currently leads a team of analysts of Family and Children policies and is responsible for the on-line OECD Family database and the Doing Better for Families Policy publication (April 2011). Working with colleagues across the OECD he is project manager of the OECD Gender Initiative and his other responsibilities include the OECD Social Expenditure database and a labour market and social policy review of Russia. He has written extensively on a wide range of labour market, fiscal and welfare policy issues and was editor of the first issue of Society at a Glance: OECD Social Indicators. Willem was project manager and editor of the OECD Babies and Bosses Reviews on the reconciliation of Work and Family Life. Willem graduated from the Erasmus Universiteit in Rotterdam, and holds a doctorate from St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford. Willem is married to Caroline with three sons: Andries, Ruben and Samuel.

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JONATHAN R. COLE

Jonathan R. Cole is currently John Mitchell Mason Professor of the University at Columbia University. He was Provost and Dean of Faculties at Columbia from 1989 to 2003. His scholarly work has focused principally on the development of the sociology of science as a research specialty. He has authored multiple books and articles on this subject (see: <http://university-discoveries.com/>). His most recent book is: *The Great American University: Its Rise to Preeminence, Its Indispensable National Role, and Why it Must Be Protected* (Public Affairs, 2010). His honorific recognition include: Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (1975-76) and a John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship (1975-76); a Member of the Council on Foreign Relations; Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science; Russell Sage Foundation (1986-1987); a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; a Member of the American Philosophical Society.

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Jeanne Fagnani was until January, 2010, Research Director at the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) and a member of the Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne, University of Paris I. Since then she has been Emeritus Research Director at CNRS. She is currently a consultant to the OECD (Advisory Unit to the Secretary General OECD International Futures Programme). Her research focuses on childcare and work/life balance policies in Europe. Her latest publications are: "The Predicament of Childcare Policy in France: What is at Stake?", *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, 2011, vol. 19, issue 3. and "Les réformes de la politique familiale en Allemagne: l'enjeu démographique", in *Radioscopie de l'Allemagne*, 2010, L. M. Clouet et H. Stark (eds.), Paris, Ed. de l'IFRI (Institut Français des Relations Internationales), 2010, pp. 249-266.

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Gáspár Fajth is UNICEF's Regional Social Policy Adviser for Eastern and Southern Africa. Before joining the United Nations, Mr. Fajth was Head of Department for Standard of Living and Labour Statistics at the Hungarian Central Statistical Office. Between 1992 and 2004 he worked at the Innocenti Research Centre, Florence, where he coordinated research on child poverty in OECD countries and the social impact of the market-oriented transition in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia through the UNICEF's MONEE project. In 2004 he joined UNICEF Division of Policy and Practice, New York, where he was responsible for promoting UNICEF's socioeconomic policy work globally. Mr. Fajth holds a masters degree in Economics from the Budapest University of Economics and has edited, authored and co-authored several books and publications. He has worked on child poverty, social protection, aid, economic and social development issues in a large number of countries and regions.

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Ester R. Fuchs is a Professor of Public Affairs and Political Science at Columbia University and Director of the Urban and Social Policy program at SIPA. She served as Special Advisor to the Mayor for Governance and Strategic Planning under Mayor Bloomberg from 2001-2005. Fuchs was the first woman to serve as Chair of the NYC Charter Revision Commission in 2005. Fuchs was Chair of the Urban Studies Department at Barnard and Columbia Colleges, and founding Director of Columbia University Center for Urban Research and Policy. Fuchs received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. Fuchs serves on the NYC Mayor's Sustainability Advisory Board, NYC Economic Opportunity Commission, the NYC Workforce Investment Board, the NYC Commission on Women's Issues, the Advisory Board for NYC's Out of School Time Initiative, and the Committee on Economic Inclusion of the FDIC. Fuchs is the author of *Mayor's and Money: Fiscal Policy in New York and Chicago* and numerous research and opinion pieces.

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Sharon Lynn Kagan is the Virginia and Leonard Marx Professor of Early Childhood and Family Policy and Co-Director of the National Center for Children and Families at Teachers College, Columbia University and Professor Adjunct at Yale University's Child Study Center. Scholar, pioneer, leader, and advocate, Dr. Kagan has helped shape early childhood practice and policies in the United States and in countries throughout the world. Author of 225 articles and 13 books, Kagan's research focuses on the institutions that impact child and family life. She was made a Fellow of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) in 2010 and is the only woman in the history of American Education to receive its three most prestigious awards: the 2004 Distinguished Service Award from the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), the 2005 James Bryant Conant Award for Lifetime Service to Education from the Education Commission of the States (ECS), and the Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education.

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