CONFERENCE

‘Shifting from Welfare to Social Investment States: The Privatization of Work-Related Risk Control and its Impact on Inclusion’

Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands
26-27 September 2019

CALL FOR PAPERS

On 26-27 September 2019, Erasmus University Rotterdam is organizing a working conference on the theme of privatization of work-related risk control. We invite colleagues working on this theme to submit an abstract for a paper to be presented at the conference.

The conference aims to understand the changing responsibilities of public and private actors in the control of work-related risks. During the last few decades, government-centered welfare models are increasingly complemented or supplanted by novel constellations, which redefine government responsibilities (e.g., investment in human resources vs. social protection), and let private actors share increasing responsibility (a.o., for occupational disease, incapacity, unemployment or sustained employability). This transition creates new challenges for stakeholders, which must be overcome in order to be effective. Within this framework, the conference will focus on two major subthemes:

(1) Instruments: in what novel instruments have the changing responsibilities resulted, for example in terms of enforcement of social policies, or insurance of labor market risk? What novel collaborative governance initiatives between public and private actors have emerged?

(2) Consequences: what consequences do the changing responsibilities entail for stakeholders (e.g., workers at risk, employers, caseworkers)? How do they impact collective welfare and suffering from work-related risks?

This conference is part of two interfaculty collaborations that have been funded by the Board of Erasmus University Rotterdam: the Research Excellence Initiative Shifting from Welfare to Social Investment States: The Privatization of Work-Related Risk Control and its Impact, and the Erasmus Initiative Dynamics of Inclusive Prosperity.
Participation fees
Participation in the conference is free of charge. For selected presenters a contribution in travel and accommodation costs is available. In addition, complimentary refreshments and lunch will be provided. The first day will be concluded by a conference dinner.

Conference program
The conference will take two full days, starting at 9 AM on 26 September till 5 PM on 27 September 2019.

Abstract submission
We are inviting participants to present research on the (sub)themes of the conference (full-fledged papers). If you are interested in presenting, please submit an abstract (max. 250 words) of your possible contribution no later than 21 February 2019 to rile-sec@law.eur.nl and indicate “conference paper submission” as subject of the email. Also, please indicate whether or not you want your submission to be taken into consideration for a special issue on the conference theme.

Abstracts will be selected according to their fit with the (sub)themes of the conference and papers’ contribution to the field. Authors will be notified about the selection within two weeks after the submission deadline.

Participation for non-presenters
For those who would like to attend without presenting their work, please submit your contact details and affiliation to rile-sec@law.eur.nl and indicate “conference registration” as subject of the email. Note that to enable a sufficiently balanced program, preference may be given to presenting participants.

Contact information
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