

“VIGONI TALK”

THE CATHOLIC WELFARE STATE ORIGINS, DEVELOPMENT, INSTITUTIONAL LEGACIES

23-25 May 2012

Villa Vigoni, Loveno di Menaggio (Como)

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SUBJECT

The topic of these Vigoni-talks will be the Italian and German welfare states - seen in a West-European, comparative perspective. Both welfare states are usually labeled as 'Catholic'. But what does this mean today? We will look at the party-political context, the ideological background and the institutional heritage of the Italian and the German systems of social protection. We will address the following questions, amongst others: what is the role of Christian Democracy, in past and present, in Italian and German social policy? How have family- and education-policy changed in both countries? Do we still observe a religious vote in Italy and Germany, what is the role of the state/ church cleavage today? Have women's labor market participation and changed family pattern had an impact on female voting behavior? The discussion between Italian, German and international experts from political science, sociology and history will address these and other questions in the stimulating setting of the Villa Vigoni.

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Programme

May 23, afternoon

Arrival at Villa Vigoni

19.00 Reception

May 24, morning session

9.30 Opening

Introduction

9.40 The “Catholic” welfare state, *P. Manow*

10.20 Cleavages and welfare state formation, *M. Ferrera*

11.00 *Coffee break*

Panel: party system and Christian Democracy

11.20 The secular-religious cleavage and the Italian party system
N. Pasini, L. Fasano

12.20 Christian Democracy: a comparison between Germany and Italy
G. Picot

13.30 *Lunch*

Afternoon session

Panel: voting, female voting and religion

15.00 The Catholic vote in Italy, *P. Segatti*

16.00 Religion and the Gender Vote Gap, *P. Emmenegger*

17.00 *Coffee break*

Panel: The historical origins of the German and the Italian welfare states

17.15 The German model as an interdenominational compromise, *P. Manow*

18.15 Cognitive frames and white-red political competition: the roots of the Italian
“unbalanced” welfare state, *M. Jessoula*

19.15 Post-war education policy: Germany and Italy in comparative perspective
W. Rudloff

20.30 *Dinner*

May 25, morning session

Panel: family policy

9.30 Cleavages, political competition and family policies in Italy *M.A. Confalonieri*

10.30 Regional worlds of social services in Italy: institutional legacies and white-red
preferences, *I. Madama, L. Canale*

11.30 *Coffee break*

11.45 Path-shifting in the welfare state; why some states have reformed their
work-family policies while others have not?, *K. Morgan*

13.15 *Lunch*

Afternoon session

Panel: labour market and education policy

15.00 The Political Effects of Labour Market Exclusion in Continental and Southern
Europe, *Paul Marx*

16.00 "Segmented labour markets, fragmented social protection: beyond the
insiders-outsiders divide", *I. Madama, M. Jessoula*

17.00 *Coffee break*

17.15 *Final Discussion*

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