

## **Workshop**

### **SOCIAL GOVERNANCE IN THE EU: THE OPEN METHOD OF CO-ORDINATION IN ACTION**

**June 9th, 2005**

**Collegio Carlo Alberto, Moncalieri, Turin**

Few developments in European integration have aroused greater interest or greater controversy in recent years than the Open Method of Co-ordination (OMC), which has become an increasingly broadly applied instrument of EU governance since its invention as part of the “Lisbon strategy” in 2000. Yet it is widely agreed that the debates surrounding the OMC suffer from a serious empirical deficit. This seminar builds on some of the extensive research findings now presented in the book “The Open Method of Co-ordination in Action” edited by Jonathan Zeitlin and Philippe Pochet, with Lars Magnusson (P.I.E.-Peter Lang, 2005) and focuses on two highly developed OMC processes: the European Employment and Social Inclusion Strategies. Alongside the empirical assessment of the OMC processes, the workshop will discuss the role of the method within the Lisbon strategy and the future of EU social governance in general, in the aftermath of the 2005 Spring European Council and in view of the stance of the Barroso Commission.

Please register by May 31st by e-mail ([info@urge.it](mailto:info@urge.it)),  
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## **Programme**

h. 10:00 welcome coffee

*h. 10:30-11:30 Opening session*

Welcome: Onorato Castellino  
(Turin University and Chairman of the Collegio Carlo Alberto Foundation)

Introduction: Maurizio Ferrera (Milan University and Director of URGE)

Keynote presentation: Jonathan Zeitlin (UW-Madison) on  
“The Open Method of Co-ordination in action”

*h. 11:30-13:00 The OMC in action: impact*

Chair: Chiara Saraceno (Turin University)

Presentations:

Jelle Visser (University of Amsterdam) on  
“What the Netherlands wants and learns from Europe in Employment and Social  
inclusion”

Stefano Sacchi (URGE, Turin) on  
“The OMC and National Institutional Capabilities. The Italian Experience”

Discussant: David Natali (Observatoire Social Européen, Brussels)

Floor discussion

h. 13:00-14:30 lunch



*h. 14:30-16:00 The OMC in action: openness*

Chair: Luigi Graziano (Turin University)

Presentations:

Kenneth Armstrong (Queen Mary, London) on  
“How open is the UK to the OMC in social inclusion?”

Caroline De la Porte (EUI, Florence) on  
“Participation in the OMC: employment and social inclusion”

Discussant: Chris M. Tucker (UC Berkeley)

Floor discussion

h. 16:00-16:30 coffee break

*h. 16:30-18 Panel discussion: The OMC and the future of EU social governance*

Chair: Hywel Ceri Jones (European Policy Centre, Brussels)

Vivien Schmidt (Boston University)

Stijn Smismans (Trento University and URGE)

Philippe Pochet (Observatoire Social Européen, Brussels)

Floor discussion

*h. 18-18.30 Concluding remarks: The view from Brussels*

Denis Crowley (European Commission)  
Secretary of the Social Protection Committee

introduced by Piero Gastaldo  
(Secretary General of Compagnia di San Paolo)