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### Discussion and book launch:

Welfare state change in Europe: How do activation policies affect the citizens' individual autonomy?

**Monday, 9th July 2012**

Beginning 5 p.m. | Room B 5.12 | HWR Berlin, Badensche Straße 50-51

The European strategic turn towards an „active welfare state“ as part of the Lisbon Employment Strategy had rather ambiguous effects for the social rights of citizens in many countries. The access to social security was more strictly connected to full-time labour market participation for every adult, irrespective of other responsibilities like family care. But did activating policies keep their promise to be more socially inclusive? Or may such inclusion only be achievable at the cost of eroded social status rights – for workers as well as for unemployed or non-employed citizens? Did the „activation turn“ result in more social and gender equity through the inclusion of all citizens into the labour market, or did it rather deepen labour market segmentation? And finally, what conclusions can we draw for future European social policies?

These issues are discussed on the basis of a recent book publication by the authors and editors Sigrid Betzelt and Silke Bothfeld. Individual autonomy is suggested as a normative concept to analyse ongoing welfare state change. Comments by Martin Kronauer, prominent proponent of the social exclusion strand of social policy debate.

#### Discussants:

Prof. Dr. Silke Bothfeld, University of Applied Sciences Bremen  
Prof. Dr. Sigrid Betzelt, Berlin School of Economics and Law  
Prof. Dr. Martin Kronauer, Berlin School of Economics and Law

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