

## **ECONOMIC WELL-BEING AND SOCIAL PROTECTION IN SOUTHERN EUROPE: CHANGING POLICIES AND TRENDS**

**15-16 November 2007, Madrid**

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In recent years, social policies and income distribution trends have undergone major changes in Southern Europe. In these countries, the changing life course, the new and more fragile family structure, changing employment patterns and population aging all combine to alter the distribution of social risks in the population. While some of these changes have also taken place in other European countries, Southern European countries seem to have a similar pattern of challenges. Since the early 1990s most of these countries have also introduced reforms to their systems of social protection, in response to those challenges. There have been different reform lines and a variety of strategies has been put into action.

This conference will provide an opportunity to:

- Present emerging research analyzing the effects of these changes in Southern European countries
- Bring together researchers from these countries to analyze specific reforms and the policy lessons that they provide
- Develop a future research agenda on these issues

The conference will take place on November 15-16, 2007. Papers should evaluate key changes in economic well-being and social protection, with particular attention to comparative issues.

Papers will be selected depending upon:

- Their demonstrated quality of research and analysis
- Their focus on the evaluation of the effects of changing social policies
- Their contribution in addressing issues from a diverse set of countries and a diverse group of policies

### **Submission instructions**

A one-to-two page abstract describing the specific aims, data, methods, and academic and policy significance of the paper should be submitted by **1 July 2007**. If a draft of the paper is available, we are happy to receive it. Submissions based on complete papers are likely to be given preference in acceptance over those based on an abstract, other things being equal. Letters will be emailed to those submitting papers by **15 August 2007**, indicating acceptance of papers submitted. The final version of the papers for presentation at the conference should be submitted by **30 September 2007**.

Submissions should be sent by email to [luis.esteban@ief.meh.es](mailto:luis.esteban@ief.meh.es). A cover sheet should be included with the title of the paper, the authors' names and institutional affiliation, including mailing address, e-mail address, phone and FAX numbers.