

Comparison, Analysis, Critique – Critical Perspectives on the Diversity of Contemporary Capitalism(s)

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Friday, 10 February 2012

12.00 – 13.00: Registration and coffee

13.00 – 13.20: Welcome & introduction

Ian Bruff & Matthias Ebenau

What's at Stake in the Comparative Capitalisms Debate? Notes and Questions on International and Comparative Political Economy

13.20 – 14.40: Panel I – State of the art

Jan Drahekoupil

How do Market Economies Differ and Why Does it Matter?

Ian Bruff & Eva Hartmann

The Conceptual Foundations of the Comparative Capitalisms Literatures: Neo-pluralist Political Science, Economic Sociology and Max Weber

Hans-Jürgen Bieling

Varieties of Capitalism, Regulation Theory and Neo-gramscian IPE – Complementary or Contradictory Perspectives of Globalised Capitalism?

David Coates (tabled paper)

Behind and Beyond the Literature on the Diversity of Contemporary Capitalism: Economic Theory and (neo-)Institutionalist Political Economy

Thomas Sablowski (tabled paper)

From Regulation Theory to “Varieties of Capitalism”: A Critical Intellectual History

14.40 – 15.00: Coffee break

15.00 – 16.20: Panel II – Rethinking the role of institutions

Christian May & Andreas Nölke
Critical Institutionalism in Comparative Capitalisms Research

Terrence McDonough
Social Structures of Accumulation and Capitalist Variation

Christel Lane & Geoffrey Wood (tabled paper)
Diversity Within Capitalism and Change

16.20 – 16.40: Coffee break

16.40 – 18.00: Panel III – Uneven, combined and dependent capitalist development

Nicholas Taylor
Historicizing the Varieties of Capitalism Approach: The Uneven and Combined Development of Labour Forms

Anne Tittor
Peripheral Capitalism and Social-structural Heterogeneity: On the Timeliness of Long-forgotten Categories from Debates on Dependency

Oliver Weiss
The Value of Dependency Theory for VoC Debates

Jane Hardy (tabled paper)
Varieties of Capitalism or Combined and Uneven Development? Crisis and Recession in Central and Eastern Europe

18.15 – 19.15: Mitgliederversammlung der Assoziation für kritische Gesellschaftsforschung (General Meeting of the Association for Critical Social Research, AkG)

(AkG is an inter-disciplinary social science association of critical academics from the German-speaking countries and one of the principal sponsors of this conference. The meeting is open for interested non-members; translation will be made available where required.)

from 19.30: Conference dinner

Saturday, 11 February 2012

8.30 – 10.10: Panel IV – Social forces in contemporary capitalisms

Adam Fishwick

Beyond and Beneath the Hierarchical Market Economy: Global Production and Working Class Conflict in Argentina's Automobile Industry

Eva Hartmann

The Social Foundation of International Competition

John Kannankulam & Fabian Georgetti

Varieties of Capitalism or Varieties of Relationships of Forces?

Stefanie Wöhl

Gender Divisions in International Political Economy

10.10 – 10.30: Coffee break

10.30 – 12.10: Panel V – Space and scale in contemporary capitalism

Joachim Becker & Johannes Jäger

European Integration in Crisis: A Regulationist Perspective on Varieties of Capitalism

Jamie Gough

Temporal, Scalar and Territorial Difference Within Capitalism: Construction by Fundamental Contradictions of Capitalism

Bob Jessop

Capitalist Diversity, Variety, and Variegation: the World Market and Governance Failure

Ines Wagner & Nathan Lillie

Organized Capitalism and Spaces of Exception

12.10 – 13.10 Lunch

13.10 – 14.50: Panel VI – Beyond the core capitalisms

Uwe Becker

Changing Open Capitalist Varieties: Theoretical Considerations and Illustrations from the Development of the 'BRICs'

Hans-Jürgen Burchardt & Nico Weinmann

Thinking About an Empirical Unease: "Varieties" Instead of Capitalism? Labour Market Integration and State Labour and Social Policy in Latin America

Matthias Ebenau

All “Varieties” are Equal? A Critique of Eurocentrism in VoC and CC

Roy Karadag

The West is not Enough: The Historical Sociology of Global Capitalist Varieties

14.50 – 15.10: Coffee break

15.10 – 16.40: Panel VII – Alternative views on 'traditional' cases in CC research

David Bailey & Saori Shibata

Varieties of Contestation: A Comparative and Critical Political Economy of Fictitious Commodification During the Global Economic Crisis

Stefanie Hürtgen

Nothing but Variations? Limits of the “Varieties” Approach for European Labour and Trade Union Research

Julia Lux

Varieties of Capitalism: A gender perspective

16.40 – 17.30: Round-up discussion and further collaboration