

# Welfare Conditionality: Principles, Practices and Perspectives

26 – 28 June 2018  
Ron Cooke Hub, University of York

## Day 1: Tuesday 26 June

Lecture Theatre, Ron Cooke Hub

11:00 – 11.30	Arrival and refreshments
11:30 – 11:45	Welcome Prof. Deborah Smith, Pro-Vice Chancellor for Research, University of York
11:45 – 12:30	Presentation of project findings Prof. Peter Dwyer and team members
12:30 – 13:00	Questions
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:15	Response from International Expert Panel
15:15 – 15:45	Refreshments
15:45 – 17:00	Discussion
17:00	Buses to York city centre  Drinks reception, Castle Museum Drinks reception and launch of new book in the Routledge Key Ideas series on 'Welfare Conditionality', with authors Dr Beth Watts and Professor Suzanne Fitzpatrick (I- SPHERE, Heriot-Watt University) and discussants Chris Goulden (Joseph Rowntree Foundation) and Professor Alan Deacon, chaired by Professor John Hudson (University of York).
18:30 – 20:00	

Day 2: Wednesday 27 June

09:00 – 10:30 Paper Session 1

Stream A: Conditionality in Europe

Lecture Theatre

**'Conditionality without services: the paradox of the Italian welfare'**

D'Emilione, M.; Giuliano G.A.; Raciti P.; Vivaldi Vera P.

National Institute for Public Policies Analysis - INAPP

**'The Construction of a Workers' Mentality in Welfare to Work Policies'**

Eleveld, A.

VU University Amsterdam

**'Welfare citizenship in the shadow of the Recession in Spain: The case of households in hardship'**

Martín, P.\*; de Castro Pericacho, C.\*\*; Calderón Gómez, D.\*; Revilla Castro, J. C.\*

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Stream B: UK Welfare Reform

Lakehouse

**'The Palliative Effects of Discretion in the Welfare Reform Agenda: A Case Study of Discretionary Housing Payments'**

Meers, J.

York Law School, University of York

**"Upmarketing' and the rational fictions of the 'bedroom tax'"**

Rugg, J.

Centre for Housing Policy, University of York

Stream C: Resisting Conditionality: Street Level Experiences

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**'Lost Agency? Lived Experiences of Social Assistance Recipients in an Activating Welfare State'**

Bierbaum, M.

UNU-MERIT/Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, Maastricht University

**'Resistance at the street-level in Australian Employment Services: the implications for social policy'**

Casey, S.

RMIT, Melbourne, Australia

**'Recovering histories of resistance to conditionality in the UK: on the front line with autonomous claimant organisations in the war over 'welfare''**

Wiggan, J.  
University of Edinburgh

Stream D: Disabled People and Conditionality  
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**'Is benefits conditionality for disabled people 'fair'? An empirical analysis.'**

Baumberg Geiger, B.  
University of Kent

**'Conditionality and behaviour change: exploring expressions of agency among disability benefit claimants in Scotland'**

Manji, K.  
University of Stirling

**'Work capability assessments: The experiences of individuals with traumatic brain injury'**

Potts, R.  
Lancaster University

Stream E: Housing  
RCH/017

**'Personal Housing Plans and conditionality: lessons from Wales'**

Ahmed, A.  
University of Salford

**'Competing visions: security of tenure and the welfarisation of English social housing'**

Fitzpatrick, S.; Watts, B.  
I-SPHERE, Heriot-Watt University

**'Epistemological Insecurity in the Conditional Welfare State: Neoliberal Social Policy, Housing Associations and the Practice of Housing Management'**

Manzi, T.  
University of Westminster

Stream F: Conditional Cash Transfers  
RCH/004

**'Control and Agency in Neoliberal Times: The Case of the Conditional Cash Transfer Program "Prospera"'**

Arriaga, G.  
University of Birmingham

**'Family trajectories in conditional cash transfer programs: The case of Chile's Ethical Family Wage program'**

Reininger, T.  
School of Social Work, Universidad Andres Bello, Santiago, Chile

10:30 – 11:00 Refreshments

11:00 – 12:30 Paper Session 2

Stream A: Welfare Conditionality: International Case Studies  
Lecture Theatre

**'The Irish experience of Welfare Conditionality: The institutional isomorphism of problematic activation policies.'**

Doyle, K.; Maguire, M.; Boland, T.; Griffin, R.  
Waterford Institute of Technology

**'Welfare Conditionality and Citizenship: The Case of Japan'**

Hirano, H.  
Mejiro University, Tokyo

**'Who is really behaving badly?: The Cashless Debit Card and welfare policy in settler-colonial Australia'**

Klein, E.  
School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne

**'Less conditionality, more dignity? An emerging Scottish approach to welfare-to-work'**

Simpson, M.  
School of Law, Ulster University

Stream B: Benefit Sanctions: Historical Perspectives

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**'The development of conditionality in the inter war years: what lessons for today?'**

Cooper, M.  
Warwick Institute for Employment Research, University of Warwick

**'More political than ethical? historicising the role of 'binary thinking' in justifying welfare conditionality'**

Crawford, J.  
University of Sheffield

**'The great British benefit sanctions drive 2010-16 in historical perspective'**

Webster, D.  
University of Glasgow

Stream C: Street Level Bureaucracy I

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"I believe that mandatory activation is a tool to help people further" - - Front line workers' experiences with mandatory activation in Norway'

Gjersøe, Heidi M.; Leseth, A.B.; Vilhena, S.  
Oslo Metropolitan University

**'The magical ethos of activation: “barriers to work” and the meaning of belief in UK welfare-to-work programmes'**

Kaufman, J.  
University of Glasgow

**'Welfare conditionality and blaming the unemployed: is there a correlation?'**

McGann, M.; Nguyen, P.; Considine, M.  
School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne

[Stream D: Mental Health and Conditionality I](#)

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**“Being held to ransom”: Psychosocial effects of conditionality on welfare claimants with a mental illness in the UK'**

Pybus, K.; Pickett, K.; Lloyd, C.; Prady, S.; Wilkinson, R.  
University of York

**'Welfare conditionality and mental health '**

Scullion, L.; Dwyer, P.  
University of Salford

**'Welfare Conditionality and Mental Health: the relationship between benefit sanctions and antidepressant prescribing in England'**

Williams, E.  
University of Glasgow

[Stream E: Minimum Income and Conditionality](#)

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**'Conditionality at a cross roads: public support for ‘in-work conditionality’ and universal basic income'**

Abbas, J.; Chrisp, J.  
University of Bath

**'Changing forms of conditionality in Spanish regional minimum income schemes 1989–2017'**

Aguilar-Hendrickson, M.; Arriba-González de Durana, A.  
Universitat de Barcelona

**'Activation and recent trends in minimum income policies in EU: hard times for social justice?'**

Granaglia, E.; Bolzoni, M.  
University of Rome

[Stream F: Participatory Workshop with Welfare Service Users](#)

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**'Experts by experience on solutions to poverty: Solutions to poverty and insecurity in the UK'**

Patrick, R.  
University of Liverpool

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:15 Plenary

**'From policy to practice: a street-level perspective of welfare-to-work'**

Prof. Rik van Berkel  
Universiteit Utrecht

14:15 – 14:45 Questions

14:45 – 15:15 Refreshments

15:30 – 17:00 Paper Session 3

Stream A: Conditionality in Scandinavia  
Lecture Theatre

**'Welfare conditionality and political participation in Norway'**

Bugge, H.  
Oslo Metropolitan University

**'Is there anything between welfare conditionality and (unconditional) basic income?'**

Danneris, S.; Larsen, F.  
Aalborg University

**'Employers' perspectives on benefit conditionality in the UK and Denmark'**

Ingold, J.  
University of Leeds

Stream B: Welfare to Work? Labour Market Outcomes

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**'From welfare to work? Exploring the effectiveness of welfare conditionality'**

Dwyer, P.  
University of York

**'Giving them purpose': 'Work for the Dole' as a tool for transforming the behaviour of remote Indigenous Australians.'**

Fowkes, L.  
Australian National University

**'Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA) benefit sanctions and labour market outcomes in Britain, 2001–2014'**

Taulbut, M.; Mackay, D.F.; McCartney, G.  
NHS Health Scotland, Public Health Science Directorate

Stream C: Welfare Conditionality: Ethical Debates

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**'The missing link? A right to employment services in theory and practice '**

Heap, D.  
University of Strathclyde

**'The Universal Acceptance of Conditionality?'**

Stewart, A.B.R.  
University of Glasgow

**''Something for something''? The 'contributory principle' from the perspective of social security recipients.'**

Summers, K.  
London School of Economics and Political Science

Stream D: Migrants and Conditionality

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**'Precarious lives of EU migrants post Brexit vote'**

Duda-Mikulin, E.  
University of Bradford

**'Multi-Level Conditional Citizenship: Governing Central and Eastern European Roma EU Citizens in Sheffield'**

Duncan, L.  
University of Sheffield

**'The Application of the Minimum Earnings Threshold in the UK: Are EU nationals economically active enough for benefits? '**

Welsh, A.  
York Law School, University of York

Stream E: Homelessness and Conditionality

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**'Rebalancing the Rhetoric?: A Normative Analysis of Enforcement in Street Homelessness Policy'**

Johnsen, S.; Watts, B.; Fitzpatrick, S.  
I-SPHERE, Heriot-Watt University

**'Consumerism, Empowerment and Resistance: Understanding Migrant Responses to Homelessness'**

Serpa, R.  
Heriot-Watt University

**'Controlling Homeless People? Power, Interventionism and Legitimacy'**

Watts, B.; Fitzpatrick, S.; Johnsen, S.  
I-SPHERE, Heriot-Watt University

Stream F: Book Panel: Social Justice and Welfare to Work Policies

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**'Welfare to Work and Questions of Justice. Legal, Sociological and Political-Philosophical Normative Perspectives on Welfare to Work Policies.'**

Eleveld, A.; Paz-Fuchs, A., (University of Sussex); Dermine, E., (Universite Libre de Bruxelles); Studer, M. (University of Basel); Parli, J. (University of Basel); Arts, J. (University of Amsterdam); Kampen, T. (University of Humanistic Studies Utrecht); White, S. (University of Oxford)

VU University Amsterdam

17:00

Buses to York city centre

19:30 – 22:30

Conference dinner, King's Manor



Day 3: Thursday 28 June

09:00 – 10:30 Paper Session 4

Stream A: Universal Credit

Lecture Theatre

**'The gendered implications of Universal Credit: an investigation into mothers' experiences and views of conditionality'**

Andersen, K.  
University of York

**'The everyday geography of employment progression for families on Universal Credit'**

Borg, I.  
University of Sheffield

**'UC and the new Work Coach Model: striking the right balance between conditionality and coaching?'**

Stinson, H.  
University of York

Stream B: Street Level Bureaucracy II

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**'Professional Judgements at Work? A Factorial Survey Experiment on Activation Workers' Decision-making'**

Bierbaum, M.  
UNU-MERIT/Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, Maastricht University

**'Weighing up work willingness in social assistance: a balancing act on multiple levels'**

De Wilde, M.; Marchal, S.  
University of Antwerp

**'Frontline managers justifications of the Norwegian welfare conditionality'**

Sadeghi, T.; Inge Terum, L.  
Oslo Metropolitan University

Stream C: Lone Parents and Conditionality

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**'Welfare conditionality and lone parent work activation in the UK: defensible in principle, but not in practice?'**

Johnsen, S.; Blenkinsopp, J.  
I-SPHERE, Heriot-Watt University

**'The politics of implementing conditional access to welfare and services for lone parents in Ireland'**

Murphy, M.  
Maynooth University

**'Who's responsible for homeless families? – Conditionality, social assistance and access to housing for single mothers in Sweden '**

Samzelius, T.

School of Social Work, Malmö University and Senior Thematic Advisor on Child Poverty, Save the Children Sweden

Stream D: Ethics and Rights

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**'The Ethical Limits of the New Conditionality: Learning from Childhood Immunisation Incentives'**

Curchin, K.

Australian National University

**'Conditionality and the 'right to welfare': the Marshallian citizenship ideal in the active welfare state'**

Simpson, M.

School of Law, Ulster University

**'The rise of the repressive welfare state: do courts make a difference?'**

Vonk, G.

University of Groningen, NL

10:30 – 11:00 Refreshments

11:00 – 12:30 Paper Session 5

Stream A: Regional International Case Studies

Lecture Theatre

**'Place-based welfare conditionality in Australia: experiences from the regional city of Shepparton.'**

Tennant, D.

FamilyCare, Victoria, Australia

**'Conditionality as a distinction of "good" citizenship'**

Trlifajova, L.

Charles University, Czech Republic

**'The pros and cons of 'Quid pro quo'. Client impact of obligatory participation in voluntary work as variety of conditional welfare'**

van der Aa, P.; de Vries, C.

University of Applied Sciences Rotterdam, Municipality of Rotterdam

Stream B: Social Security in the UK

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**'Social Insecurity? Welfare rights and welfare reform'**

Batty, S.

**'Older jobseekers' experiences of work and welfare '**

Jones, K.  
University of Salford

**'Honouring the Armed Forces Covenant? Veterans' experiences in the UK social security system'**

Scullion, L.; Dwyer, P.; Jones, K.; Martin, P.; Hynes, C.  
University of Salford

[Stream C: Service User Viewpoints](#)

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**'Or else it's not a crisis...' – Trussel Trust Food Bank Use, Crisis and Welfare Conditionality '**

Connolly, A.  
Lancaster University

**'Gritty Citizens? Exploring the Logic and Limits of Resilience in Social Policy During Times of Socio-Material Insecurity'**

Edmiston, D.; Donoghue, M.  
University of Leeds

**'Activating Jobseekers: Strategies of negotiation and resistance to work-related conditionality and sanctions in Ireland'**

Finn, P.  
Maynooth University, Ireland

[Stream D: Mental Health and Conditionality II](#)

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**'"It's like fighting an invisible army" The Impact of the Work Capability Assessment for People and Mental Health'**

McGauley, H.  
Lancaster University

**'Dead people don't claim': the psychopolitics of suicides linked to welfare conditionality'**

Mills, C.  
School of Education, University of Sheffield

**'The Work Programme: personal experiences of long-term unemployed people with mental health conditions'**

Scholz, F.; Ingold, J.  
Leeds University Business School

[Stream E: Law and Human Rights](#)

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**'Benefits sanctions in the UK: a practical view'**

Ahluwalia, M.; Tomlinson, J.  
Public Law Project

**'A human rights-based response to the impacts of welfare conditionality'**

Chimes, J.; Jordan, S.; Lynch, D.

Equality and Welfare Reform Transformation Project, CAB Rossendale & Hyndburn

**'Data protection in the age of welfare conditionality: Respect for basic rights or a race to the bottom?'**

Gantchev, V.

University of Groningen, Faculty of Law

Stream F: Offending

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**'Exploring the behavioural outcomes of family-based intensive interventions'**

Ball, E.

University of Sheffield

**'Helping or hindering? Welfare conditionality and women who have been in conflict with the law'**

Povey, L.

Sheffield Hallam University

12:30 – 13:15      Lunch

13:15 – 14:00      Plenary

**'Women, work and welfare: how does conditionality change choice?'**

Prof. Jane Millar

University of Bath

14:00 – 14:30      Questions

14:30 – 15:00      Refreshments

15:00                  Close