

2017 EISS Conference

Devolution and Decentralisation of Social Security in Europe: Dismantling the Welfare State or a Democratic Promise for the Future?

28th-29th September 2017

Protestantse Diaconie Amsterdam
Nieuwe Herengracht 18, 1018 DP Amsterdam, the Netherlands

DAY 1 (Thursday, September 28th)

- 08.30-09.00 **Registration, Tea & Coffee**
- 09.00-09.10 **Opening (Zolder)**
Prof. Franz Marhold, President of EISS
- 09.10-09.25 **Welcome Address from the Organisers (Zolder)**
Prof. Gijsbert Vonk, University of Groningen
- 09.25-09.45 **Welcome Address from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (Zolder)**
Christien Bronda, Director Participation and Decentralised Services
- 09.45-10.30 **Devolution and Decentralisation: Basic Concepts and Challenges (Zolder)**
Prof. Danny Pieters, KU Leuven
- 10.30-10.45 **Tea & Coffee**
- 10.45-11.30 **Sharing Power with Employers and Employees: A Tried and Proven Form of Functional Decentralisation in Europe (Zolder)**
Prof. Ulrich Becker, Director of Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy
- 11.30-12.15 **Devolution and Decentralisation and the Response of European Law (Zolder)**
Prof. Herwig Verschueren, University of Antwerp
- 12.15-13.00 **Lunch**
- 12.15-13.00 **EISS Praesidium and Bureau Meeting**
- 13.00-14.30 **Panel Sessions I**
A. Devolution: The Response of EU Law (Gelagkamer)
B. Book Panel I (Regentenkamer)
C. Young Researchers I (Zolder)
- 14.30-14.45 **Tea & Coffee**

14.45-16.15 **Panel Sessions II**
D. Decentralisations: National Experiences (**Gelagkamer**)
E. Book Panel II (**Regentenkamer**)
F. Young Researchers II (**Zolder**)

16.15-17.15 **Research Leaders Debate (Zolder)**
chair: Prof. Ulrich Becker
Prof. Ferry Koster, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Dr. Mariely Lopez-Santana, George Mason University
Prof. Danny Pieters, KU Leuven
Prof. Mike Raco, University College London
Prof. Evelien Tonkens, University of Humanistic Studies

19.00-19.30 **Tour of the Protestantse Diaconie**
Arend Driessen, Project Coordinator at the Diaconie

from 20.00 **Dinner Party**

DAY 2 (Friday, September 29th)

09.20-09.30 **Opening**
Prof. Paul Schoukens, KU Leuven

09.30-10.15 **New Localism and the Demise of the (Democratic) Welfare State (Zolder)**
Prof. Mike Raco, University College London

10.15-11.00 **Decentralisation and the Promise of Proximity (Zolder)**
Prof. Evelien Tonkens, University of Humanistic Studies

11.00-11.15 **Tea & Coffee**

11.15-12.00 **Devolution and Decentralisation: A Model for Developing Countries? (Zolder)**
Prof. Marius Olivier, North-West University, South Africa

12.00-12.45 **Concluding Observations: Future Prospects (Zolder)**
Prof. Frank Vandembroucke, University of Amsterdam

12.45-13.00 **EISS General Assembly (Zolder)**

13.00-13.45 **Lunch**

13.45-15.15 **Panel Sessions III**
G. The Stranded Poor (**Gelagkamer**)
H. Going Dutch (**Regentenkamer**)
I. Devolution: National Experiences (**Zolder**)

15.15-15.30 **Tea & Coffee**

15.30-16.00 **Presentation of the EFESE Project (Zolder)**
Prof. Paul Schoukens, KU Leuven

16.00 **Closing address (Zolder)**
Prof. Franz Marhold, President of EISS