



European Union Centre of Excellence Lecture Series

“Is the EU Social Model Dead? The Euro Crisis and its Impact on National and European Social Policies”

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This seminar is co-hosted with Political Science - it is free and open to the public.



The architecture of monetary union has a huge impact on national industrial relations and welfare state policies. Our hypothesis is that, in the wake of the financial crisis of 2008, and subsequently of the ‘euro crisis’, a series of political choices, circumstances and windows of opportunity that have enabled a particular vision of the monetary union (a EMU without political union where the social is the adjustment variable). It was the result of the key role played by the ECB, by the preference of Germany and also due to the fact that the vast majority of governments in the were centre/right-wing in 2011 and 2012.

Dr. Pochet will explore the consequences of such model, the role of idea and knowledge and the ongoing fight between different groups of actors to shape the European agenda.

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