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ANNUAL MEETING & LECTURE

Friday 17th June, 2022, 10am BST

The fifth annual meeting of the journal Social Policy and Society will take place online on **June 17th**, from **10:00am to 12:00pm** (BST). This online event is hosted by Cambridge University Press and the icPSP (International Centre for Public and Social Policy - University of Nottingham) with the support of the Social Policy Association.

The event will include the journal's Annual Lecture: this year's speaker will be Fiona Williams, with her lecture entitled 'Aligning arguments for sustainable welfare with care and racial justice', which touches on Fiona's recent work with co-author Coretta Phillips, in the January 2022 special issue of Social Policy and Society.

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NOTES ON THE LECTURE

Three of the most significant areas of change and contestation since the Beveridge Report eighty years ago are gender justice, climate change, and racial justice. All have profound implications for transforming welfare states, crystallised recently by the global pandemic.

I have argued (Williams, 2021) that not only are these sites of major global crises – of care, the environment, and the racialisation of borders – but also that they are deeply interconnected. An understanding of their intersections is vital for social policy analysis and for articulating political strategies and alliances for change. Increasingly social policy arguments for sustainable welfare have identified synergies between the ethics of care and strategies for de-growth eco-welfare. These are important, but far less explored are the intersections between racial and environmental justice and what these mean for transforming welfare states.

My lecture will explore these issues; it will offer a way of framing the intersections across the political ethics of care, sustainability, and decoloniality in order to rethink the moral obligations of welfare states, and the political and policy consequences of these.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Fiona Williams is Emeritus Professor of Social Policy at the University of Leeds. She has published widely on gender, race and migration in social policy. Her latest book, Social Policy. A Critical and Intersectional Analysis, examines what the crises of racialized borders, of care, and of climate change mean for social policy. Other recent publications include 'Extraction, exploitation, expropriation and expulsion in the domestic colonial relations of the British welfare state in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries', British Journal of Sociology online at http://doi.org/10.1111/1468-4446.12905 , and, co-authored with Coretta Phillips, 'Sleepwalking into the 'Post-Racial': Social Policy and Research-Led Teaching' Social Policy and Society' now online at https://www.doi.org/10.1017/S1474746421000440.



Fiona is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences, of the RSA, and of the British Academy where she edits the Journal of the British Academy. She was awarded an OBE in 2004 for services to social policy.