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ANNUAL MEETING & LECTURE

Friday 9th June, 2023, 9.30am BST

The sixth annual meeting of the journal Social Policy and Society will take place online on **June 9th**, from **9:30am to 11:00am** (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 Dukelow, with her lecture entitled 'Welfare stigma, the work ethic and the welfare state: challenging and re-imagining the welfare-work nexus', which touches on Fiona's recent work including that with co-authors Joe Whelan and Robert Bolton, in the October 2022 special issue of Social Policy and Society.

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NOTES ON THE LECTURE

Welfare stigma has become an increasingly pervasive feature of many welfare states. It looms large as a means of governing welfare recipiency and in shaping the lived experience of claiming welfare as a struggle with shame. Central to this is the relationship between work, the work ethic and welfare. Focusing on this relationship, this lecture seeks to make connections between rather discrete compartments of contemporary social policy analysis. It reflects on the boundaries and norms between work and welfare in how the welfare state has evolved and explores the ways in which, under the political, economic and moral dynamics of neoliberal capitalism, market values dominate generating coercive and classificatory practices that discredit all else. Turning to the burgeoning interest in and the mounting imperative of eco-social policy and sustainable welfare, I look at how this offers resources for re-imagining the boundaries between work and welfare and thus for challenging welfare stigma, and what this might imply for policy.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Fiona Dukelow is based at University College, Cork where she is a senior lecturer in social policy and research associate with the Institute for Social Science in the 21st Century. Her recent research has focused on two areas: the lived experience of welfare reform in the context of austerity and of the Covid-19 pandemic; and eco-social policy, particularly from a post-growth perspective. This builds on long-standing interests in the areas of activation and social protection policy. She is the co-author with Mairéad Considine of Irish Social Policy: A Critical Introduction (2nd ed., Policy Press, 2017) and recent publications of particular relevance to this lecture include a themed issue of Critical Social Policy (2018) co-edited with Patricia Kennett on States of Neoliberalism, Power and Resistance in Post-Crisis Societies; a themed section of Social Policy and Society (2022) co-edited with Joe Whelan and Robert Bolton on Interrogating Welfare Stigma: dynamics of (re)production, experience and resistance in the welfare state; and an article with Mary P. Murphy (2022), Building the Future from the Present: imagining post-growth, post-productivist social policy for the 50th anniversary issue of the Journal of Social Policy.

