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THE welfare state at the crossroads: new challenges posed by the global crisis (S)

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Objectives:

The latest international economic growth cycle, and the economic and financial crisis with which it ended, highlighted and generated a series of social and economic imbalances affecting every country and the entire international community in a generalized way.

The countries (mainly European and developed) which implement welfare state institutions and mechanisms have suffered the effects of this economic growth cycle and the ensuing crisis. These effects have in turn impacted on welfare state institutions and mechanisms as a result of the increase in the number of those claiming benefits, the appearance of new needs which must be addressed, and the financing difficulties arising from economic deceleration and the greater indebtedness of countries as they attempt to contain and alleviate the consequences of economic and financial crisis.

The situation which has arisen from the global crisis also contains further elements or situations which gained ground during the economic growth cycle and which require important overall structural modifications to be considered both on an economic and political level.

Major questions have therefore been raised about the Welfare State: is the praxis of the Welfare State still pragmatically feasible? Can it be reformed or adapted to the new circumstances? Or can it continue to develop in a way which is safe and problem-free for institutions and citizens?

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PROGRAMME

8th September

8:45 Distribution of documentation

9:00 Presentation

PEDRO MARTÍNEZ DE ALEGRÍA PINEDO

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9:15 “European social model: social policies and inequality in European Union”

D. DAVID RUEDA JIMÉNEZ

Universidad de Oxford, Reino Unido.

10:30 “Demography, ageing and crisis: Is the Welfare State sustainable?”

JULIO PÉREZ DÍAZ

Centro Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (IPP), Madrid

12:00 “Economic crisis, Welfare State and health”
BEATRIZ GONZÁLEZ LÓPEZ-VALCARCEL
University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

13:00 “The sustainability of generational welfare”
GUILLEM LOPEZ-CASASNOVAS
Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona

AFTERNOON SESSION

16:30 “Reflections on the system for autonomy and care for dependency”
SIMÓN SOSVILLA-RIVERO
Complutense University, Madrid

17:30 “The cost of long-term care in Spain according to actuarial criteria: is its financing sustainable?”
MERCEDES AYUSO
Barcelona University, Barcelona

9th September

9:00 “A progressive education system for a sustainable economy”
MARIANO FERNÁNDEZ ENGUITA
Salamanca University, Salamanca

10:15 “Economic decisions of individuals in the transition to retirement”
JOSÉ MARÍA LABEAGA
Institute for Fiscal Studies, Madrid

11:45 “Impact of ageing and other risks on the pension systems of OECD countries”
PABLO ANTOLÍN
OECD, Paris

13:00 “Challenges of the public pension system”
OCTAVIO GRANADO
Secretariat of State of the Social Security, Madrid

AFTERNOON SESSION

16:30 Round Table: “Situation and challenges of private health insurance”
Moderator: **FERNANDO MANRIQUE**
Universidad de Deusto, Bilbao
Speakers:
MANUELA ESCRIBANO
Department of Economy and Finance of the Basque Government, Vitoria-Gasteiz
CARLOS TAMAYO
Kutxa Gipuzkoa, Donostia- San Sebastian
ANDONI URKIJO
Productos Tubulares
EDUARDO GARCIA ELOSUA
EPSV Itzarri, Vitoria-Gasteiz

10th September

- 9:00 “Family policies and economic crisis”
MARÍA JOSÉ GONZALEZ
Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona
- 10:00 “Political decentralization and equity: Welfare schemes in Spain”
JOAN SUBIRATS i HUMET
Autonomous University, Barcelona
- 11:00 “Developing countries, Welfare State and Macroeconomic Stability”
LUIS SERVEN
World Bank, Washington
- 12:30 Closing session
MARIO FERNÁNDEZ
President of the Federation of Basque-Navarre Savings Banks
- Closing Ceremony
JOAQUÍN ALMUNIA
Vice-president and Competition Commissioner, EUROPEAN COMMISSION
- 13.30 Closure
Sr. D. **CARLOS AGUIRRE**
Chancellor of the Exchequer Basque Government, Vitoria-Gasteiz