PROGRAMME
Wednesday, November 29th

14:00 Welcome
Prof. Dr. Anke Hassel, WSI, Hans Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf

Plenary lecture: Social rights in Europe*
Prof. Dr. Florian Rödl, Freie Universität Berlin

15:15 Panel 1:
Social rights of the self-employed

Social rights of the solo self-employed in Germany and Europe
PD Dr. Karin Schulze Buschoff, WSI, Hans Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf

Income protection for the self-employed
Dr. Thomas Klebe, Hugo Sinzheimer Institute (HSI), Frankfurt/Main

Interest representation of own-account workers
Dr. Lisa Abbenhardt/Prof. Dr. Hans J. Pongratz, Ludwig-Maximilian Universität München

Chair:
Christina Schildmann, Hans Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf

Panel 2:
Living Wages – the right to a fair wage*
The right to a fair wage as a fundamental European right
Prof. Dr. Reingard Zimmer, Berlin School of Economics and Law

Living Wage Movement – experiences from Great Britain
Graham Griffiths, Living Wage Foundation, London

Living Wage – even in Germany?
Prof. Dr. Thorsten Schulten, WSI, Hans Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf

Chair:
Malte Lübker, WSI, Hans Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf

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Panel 3:
The European Pillar of Social Rights – new approaches to the regulation of labour?

The European Pillar of Social Rights – content, open questions, criticism
Dr. Daniel Seikel, WSI, Hans Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf

Questions about working time/work-life balance as an integral part of the European Pillar of Social Rights
Dr. Marta Böning, German Trade Union Confederation (DGB), Berlin

Healthy work and proper workplace safety in Europe?
Markus Leßmann, Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of North Rhine-Westphalia

Chair:
Dr. Elke Ahlers, WSI, Hans Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf

16:45 Coffee break

17:15 Panel discussion: Social rights – do we need to expand and better enforce them?*
Susanne Hoffmann, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS), Berlin
Peter Scherrer, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), Brussels
Dr. Oliver Stettes, Cologne Institute for Economic Research (IW)
Dr. Johannes Heuschmid, Hugo Sinzheimer Institute (HSI), Frankfurt/Main
Chair: Tom Hegermann, journalist

19:00 Dinner

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**Thursday, November 30th**

09:00 **Keynote**
Efi Achtsioglou, Minister of Labour, Social Security & Social Solidarity, Greece

10:00 **Panel 4:**
**Basic Social Security: Challenges in Germany and Europe**
- Unemployment benefits II: Selected results from SGB II research
  Dr. Philip Ramos Lobato, Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Nürnberg
- The pension supplements in old age and in the event of reduced earning capacity – empirical and political developments
  Dr. Florian Blank, WSI, Hans Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf
- Access of EU citizens to basic social security:
  Court judgements and current developments
  Prof. Dr. Stamatia Devetzi, Fulda University of Applied Sciences
**Chair:**
Dr. Anita Tiefensee, WSI, Hans Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf

10:45 **Panel 5:**
**Improving the enforcement of employee rights and tightening sanctions in German labour law**
- Problems of enforcement in German labour law
  Prof. Dr. Jens Schubert, United Services Trade Union (ver.di), Berlin
- More pressure from above? Debates about enforcement mechanisms and sanctions at EU level
  Wiebke Warneck, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), Brussels
- New actor networks for legal enforcement?
  Birgit Kraemer, WSI, Hans Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf
**Chair:**
Peter Voigt, Mining, Chemical and Energy Industrial Union (IG BCE), Hannover

12:15 **Debate:**
**Social investment versus unconditional basic income**
Dr. Bruno Palier, SciencesPo, Paris
Prof. Dr. Yannick Vanderborght, Université Saint-Louis, Brussels
**Chair:**
Prof. Dr. Anke Hassel, WSI, Hans Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf

14:00 **Lunch and end of the event**