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Solidarity in Europe After the Crisis

5:20 pm, Thursday, 11th November, Popper room

Chair: Uwe Puettter, Director of CEUR

The talk will investigate the role played by ideational dynamics in generating the strains and tensions which have exploded during the crisis between economic integration and social protection. Drawing on the insights of Weberian theory, the main argument will be that a reconciliation between these two dimensions/spheres of the EU must confront two distinct intellectual challenges. First, the recognition that the EU (and EMU in particular) have irreversibly become a complex adaptive systems with “emergent” properties, requiring centralized steering well beyond the current institutional status quo. Second, the search for normative principles for a correct framing of both the “democratic-ness” question and the “fairness” question in the EU. The latter is particularly important for solving the new conflict lines emerged during the crisis, i.e. between core and peripheral economies, on the one hand, and “old” vs. “new” Member States, on the other.

Maurizio Ferrera is Professor of Political Science and President of the Graduate School in Social, and Political Studies of the University of Milan. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Centro di Ricerca e Documentazione Luigi Einaudi, in Turin, and was Visiting Professor in several foreign universities, including the European University Institute, UC-Berkeley, Mc-Gill and the LSE. He has been serving on various Advisory Commissions at national and EU levels as well as on several editorial boards of academic journals and publishers. With M.Rhodes, he coedits the series “Routledge/EUI Studies in the Political Economy of the Welfare State”.

Maurizio Ferrera has published widely in the fields of comparative welfare states and European Integration. His works has appeared on many international journals, including Comparative Political Studies, West European Politics, the Journal of Common Market Studies, the Journal of European Social Policy. His last book in English is The Boundaries of Welfare (Oxford University Press, 2005, French translation in 2009); in Italian he has recently co-authored Alle Radici del Welfare all’Italiana (Marsilio, 2012). In 2013 he has been awarded an ERC Advanced Grant for a five-year project on “Reconciling Economic and Social Europe: ideas, values and consensus” (Resc-EU).

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