

Special Pre-Conference Workshop • An International Policy Exchange
**European Measures of Income, Poverty, and Social Exclusion:
Recent Developments and Lessons for U.S. Poverty Measurement**

Wednesday, November 4, 2009 • 9:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. • Fee: \$75.00 • Includes Lunch and a Reception

Purpose: The U.S. government seems poised to make the first major changes in the official poverty measure in more than forty years. Although the official measure's weaknesses are widely criticized, reform has not been possible because of well-known political obstacles. Less well-known are the conceptual and technical challenges that are intertwined with the political issues posed by any new poverty measure. European researchers and governments face similar issues as they seek to improve their measurement of income, poverty, and well-being.

To learn more about their efforts, the University of Maryland School of Public Policy and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) convened more than 100 scholars and government officials from twenty-four countries in Paris, France in March, 2009. In this special APPAM workshop, ten of the European papers selected from the Paris meeting for their relevance to the U.S. situation will be presented and discussed—with ample time for questions and comments from the audience.

Introductory Remarks By: Douglas Besharov (University of Maryland), Richard Burkhauser (Cornell University), and David Johnson (U.S. Census Bureau).

Topics: Consecutive sessions during the morning and afternoon will examine the following issues:

1. The European Framework
2. In-Kind Benefits and Taxes
3. Consumption, Social Exclusion, and Well-Being
4. Income Levels for Social Assistance

Session leaders include David Johnson (U.S. Census Bureau), Tim Smeeding (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Kenneth Couch (University of Connecticut), Neil Gilbert (University of California-Berkeley) and Richard Bavier (formerly of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget).

European Presenters: Research to be presented and discussed includes that of H. Immervoll, M. Mira D'Ercole and M. Förster (OECD); D. Stanton and I. Maquet (SPC, European Commission); H. Sutherland (ISER, Essex); P. Tsakloglou (Athens University); A. Decoster and D. Verwerft (KU Leuven); C. O'Donoghue and J. Loughrey (RERC, Galway); J. Frick and M. Grabka (DIW Berlin); A. Brandolini (Bank of Italy and LWS), S. Magri (Bank of Italy); E. Marlier (CEPS/INSTEAD); B. Cantillon and K. Van den Bosch (University of Antwerp); C. Whelan and B. Nolan (University College Dublin); and E. D. Tesliuc, C. del Ninno, and M. Grosh (The World Bank).

Luncheon Speaker: Rebecca Blank, Undersecretary for Economic Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce, is invited to speak on, "Re-Thinking the U.S. Poverty Measure."

Registration: The fee for the workshop is \$75.00. Registration will be on the APPAM website and separate from the 2009 APPAM Fall Conference. It will *not* be necessary to pay registration for the Fall Conference in order to register for this special workshop. All interested persons are welcome, but space is limited. Please register by no later than October 21 in order to ensure lunch is provided.

More information, including detailed session listings, may be found at www.appam.org!