

Policy roundtables

POLICY ROUNDTABLE 1: The state and its institutions

How does the social democratic state achieve its goals in an age of fiscal constraints and open borders? What should be its institutional and investment priorities, and how do we ensure public support for them?

Polling data: **Patrick Diamond**, senior fellow at Policy Network

Chair: **Tom Bentley**, deputy chief of staff to the Australian prime minister

Panel: **Frank Vandenbroucke**, member of the Belgian Senate

Jon Erik Dølvik, head of research at the Fafo Institute for Labour and Social Research, Oslo

Rachel Reeves, UK Labour Party spokesperson on work and pensions

Patrick Weil, senior research fellow at the French National Research Centre, University of Paris I

POLICY ROUNDTABLE 2: The social market economy

How do we build trust and promote fairness in the market economy? How can social democrats combine growth, high productivity and a more equal distribution of rewards?

Polling data: **Roger Liddle**, chair of Policy Network

Chair: **Gordon Bajnai**, former prime minister of Hungary

Panel: **Dan Corry**, former senior economic adviser to UK prime minister Gordon Brown

Karine Nyborg, professor of economics at the University of Oslo

Victor Ponta, leader of the Romanian Socialist Party

Rainer Münz, head of research and development at Erste Group, Vienna

POLICY ROUNDTABLE 3: Employment and the workplace

Can the objective of full employment be reconciled with job security and job quality? How can social democrats increase employment and social progress through education, training and institutional change?

Polling data: **Olaf Cramme**, director of Policy Network

Chair: **Frances O'Grady**, deputy general secretary of the UK Trades Union Congress

Panel: **Kevin Doogan**, professor of European policy studies at the University of Bristol

Hanne Bjurstrøm, Norwegian minister for labour

Daniel Vargas, former Brazilian interim minister for strategic affairs

Stein Reegård, chief economist at the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions

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AGENDA

A post-crisis agenda for the centre-left Securing shared prosperity



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Agenda*

Thursday, 12 May 2011

- 12:00** Registration and informal lunch
- 13:00** **Welcoming remarks**
Jens Stoltenberg, prime minister of Norway
Roar Flåthen, president of the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions
Roger Liddle, chair of Policy Network
- 13:15** **PLENARY SESSION 1**
A new political economy: What are the priorities for centre-left politics?
Chair: **Liam Byrne**, UK shadow secretary of state for work and pensions
Presentations: **Jacob S. Hacker**, professor of political science at Yale University
Andrés Velasco, former Chilean minister of finance
Panel: **Anna Diamantopoulou**, Greek minister of education
Raymond Johansen, secretary general of the Norwegian Labour Party
Caroline Gennez, leader of the Flemish Socialist Party
Matthias Machnig, minister of labour, economics and technology in the German state of Thuringia
- 15:00** Refreshments
- 15:30** **POLICY ROUNDTABLES** (see back page for details)
- 17:00** Refreshments
- 17:30** **PLENARY SESSION 2**
A responsible economy, a fair society: Does social democracy have a credible programme for change?
Chair: **John Podesta**, president of the Center for American Progress
Presentation: **Will Hutton**, executive vice-chair of the Work Foundation
Panel: **Helle Thorning-Schmidt**, leader of the Danish Social Democrats
Ed Miliband, leader of the UK Labour Party
Job Cohen, leader of the Dutch Labour Party
Håkan Juholt, leader of the Swedish Social Democrats
- 19:00** Day one close
- 20:30** **Conference dinner**
Moderated by **Peter Mandelson**, president of Policy Network

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Friday, 13 May 2011

- 08:30** Registration and refreshments
- 09:00** **PLENARY SESSION 3**
Future jobs and growth: How can centre-left governments make a difference?
Chair: **Peter Mandelson**, president of Policy Network
Panel: **Jens Stoltenberg**, prime minister of Norway
José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, prime minister of Spain
George Papandreou, prime minister of Greece
Boris Tadić, president of Serbia
Eamon Gilmore, deputy prime minister of Ireland
Presentations: **Pascal Lamy**, director-general of the WTO
Karen Kornbluh, US ambassador to the OECD
- 11:00** Refreshments
- 11:30** **PLENARY SESSION 4**
Social democracy beyond the nation state: Do we have a distinctive international agenda?
Chair: **Loukas Tsoukalis**, president of ELIAMEP, the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy
Panel: **Jonas Gahr Støre**, foreign minister of Norway
Helen Clark, administrator of the UNDP
Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, president of the Party of European Socialists
Marco Aurélio Garcia, senior foreign policy adviser to the Brazilian president
Enrico Letta, deputy secretary of the Italian Democratic Party
- 13:00** **Closing remarks**
Tor-Arne Solbakken, vice-president of the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions

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