Call for Papers

Workshop on Poor Relief through History: A Comparative Perspective

Date: October 9, 2012

Hosting Institution: Historical Economics and Development Group (HEDG), Department of Business and

Economics, University of Southern Denmark

Local Organizers: Inge Mønster-Kjær (Center for Welfare State Research) and Paul Sharp (HEDG)

The aim of this workshop is to gather scholars from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds working on the broad theme of poor relief in history. Possible topics include charitable donations and almshouses, the development of public welfare support systems, and the underlying reasons why societies organize poor relief to different degrees and in different ways across time and space. The emphasis will be on an informal gathering, where participants seek to learn from each other and find possibilities for collaboration, and to gain understanding of the state of the art of research in the field.

We will strive to accommodate as many speakers as possible. Accepted papers will receive 25 minutes each (15 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion). However, in the interest of avoiding parallel sessions, the presentation time may be shortened.

The organizers can offer lunch, dinner and other refreshments on the day of the meeting, but hotels and travel must be covered by the participants themselves.

Prospective speakers should submit a one page abstract and a short CV to Paul Sharp (pauls@sam.sdu.dk) no later than August 31, 2012. Notification of acceptance will be given by the middle of September 2012. Full papers are due by October 1, 2012.

This workshop is sponsored by HEDG (the Historical Economics and Development Group) at the Department of Business and Economics, University of Southern Denmark, the Center for Welfare State Research, University of Southern Denmark, and the Doctoral Programme in History, Area Studies and Archaeology.

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