

Professor Erik Olin Wright, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin - Madison was invited to Roskilde University and University of Copenhagen to give a Series of Guest Lectures. Among these lectures two were organised and supported by the International Centre for Studies in Citizenship, Democratic Participation and Civil Society, (CIPACI) and the Work-care Synergies network.

Invitation to both lectures went out to Academia, Students in the Copenhagen area and Practitioners in the field of social Policy.

Lecture 1: Quality of Life and the Condition of Social Participation (WP3 and WP8)

“The Social Economy: simply a niche in a capitalist economy or the basis for an alternative?”

Monday the 8th of March 2010, Roskilde University

“There has been much discussion in recent years about the growth of a range of diverse economic organizations and practices that fall outside of the parameters of conventional capitalism. A variety of names have been given to this phenomenon: the social economy, the solidarity economy, the third sector, the non-profit sector, community economics. I will use the term “social economy” as a relatively encompassing term for these kinds of non-capitalist forms. In this lecture I want to do three things: first, discuss the theoretical status of the social economy within a broader spectrum of variations in the social organization of the economic activity; second, address the question of the ways in which the social economy points beyond capitalism rather than simply is different from capitalism; and third, discuss the specific empirical example of the development of the social economy in the Canadian province of Quebec.”

Reading: Chapters 5 and 7 of *Envisioning Real Utopias* (forthcoming, Verso, 2010) available at:

<http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/~wright/ERU.htm>

Lecture 2: The gendered Conditions for Social participation and types of Policies promoting a gender-balanced citizenship (WP3)

“Three Logics of Gender Emancipation: Gender Equality, Degendering Inequality and Genderlessness”

Friday 12th of March 2010, University of Copenhagen

“When Marxists specify the central emancipatory goal within the Marxist tradition they invoke the expression “a classless society” and the distributive norm “to each according to need, from each according to ability.” No one would frame the ultimate ideal as “class equality,” even if reducing the degree of economic inequality within class relations would be seen as a move in the right direction. When it comes to gender, on the other hand, the idea of “gender equality” is often taken to be the central goal. The idea of a “genderless” society, to most people, seems not merely an implausible goal, but an unattractive ideal. This talk will explore the problem of specifying the transformative, emancipatory goals with respect to gender.” Erik Olin Wright

Reading: Harry Brighouse and Erik Olin Wright, “Strong Gender Egalitarianism”, chapter 3 in Janet Gornick and Marcia Meyers, *Gender Equality: transforming divisions of labor in the family*, vol., VI in the Real Utopias Project (London and New York: Verso, 2009), available at:

<http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/~wright/Published%20writing/StrongGenderEgalitarianism.pdf>