

Paper proposal for the 8th ESPAnet Conference 2010

12.1. TRANSNATIONAL CARE MARKETS: EUROPEAN CARE REGIMES IN THE AGE OF MIGRATION

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The paper will explore the interplay between different migration and welfare state regimes and its effects on the constitution and structure of transnational care markets in Germany, Austria, Italy, the UK and Poland. The focus will be on the existing attempts to reduce the share of illegal transnational care markets and on the transferability of successful policy instruments and measures into different institutional contexts.

Using the typologies of migration regimes and welfare states, we will demonstrate how their interplay constitutes a framework for the development of transnational care markets. We will take into account both the publicly regulated, supported and increasingly professionalised care markets and the private (often illegal) care markets using the labour of transmigrants. The balance and relationship between the public and private markets constitutes a framework determining the opportunities of transnational migrants in terms of permeability of the legal employment sphere in both private and public care markets as well as the acquisition of pertinent qualifications.

The issue of qualification of transmigrants is particularly relevant for the debates on legalisation of illegal and undeclared employment in private households in Europe. France has made considerable progress in legalising care services in private households and we will proceed by shortly describing the instruments and incentives involved in the process. We will then consider the effects the same or similar instruments would have in different institutional frameworks with particular attention to the effects they would have on the employment perspectives and status of transmigrants in the abovementioned countries.

The paper will be based on interviews and workshops with stakeholders from a comparative perspective for Germany, Austria, Italy, the UK and Poland. The empiric research is predominantly carried out in the framework of the EU-project "*Labour market measures for reducing undeclared (illegal and moonlighting) work in private homes of elderly people*"

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