

New Tensions related to Care in European Welfare States

Research questions

- Which are main new tensions that are related to childcare and elderly care in European welfare states?
- How is it possible to explain cross-national differences in this regard?
- Which particular tensions are the result of welfare state policies that have introduced marketization and consumerism in the field of care and care work?
- And why do the consequences of marketization and consumerism differ between different European welfare states?

The analyses include structures of care as well as welfare state policies towards care.

Constructing a common research framework

The cross-national analyses are framed by a multi level concept of 'tensions' that is based on historical institutionalism.

So far, the proponents of historical institutionalism did not develop an explicit theoretical concept of tensions.

The multi-dimensional approach to 'tensions' relates to the cultural, institutional and social levels of society.

Main research findings

In the field of care and care work, new tensions have developed that refer to the situation and social citizenship of those in need of care and those who provide care.

These include tensions at the cultural, institutional and social levels.

Particular tensions result from the strengthening of market principles and the introduction of consumerism.

These relate mainly also to

- the relationship between care giver and care receiver,
- the quality of care,
- the degree to which the care that people in need of care receive matches with their expectations.

However, the ways in which welfare states have introduced market principles and consumerism in the field of care differ strongly. This is a main reason why also the tensions differ in degree which result from such policies.

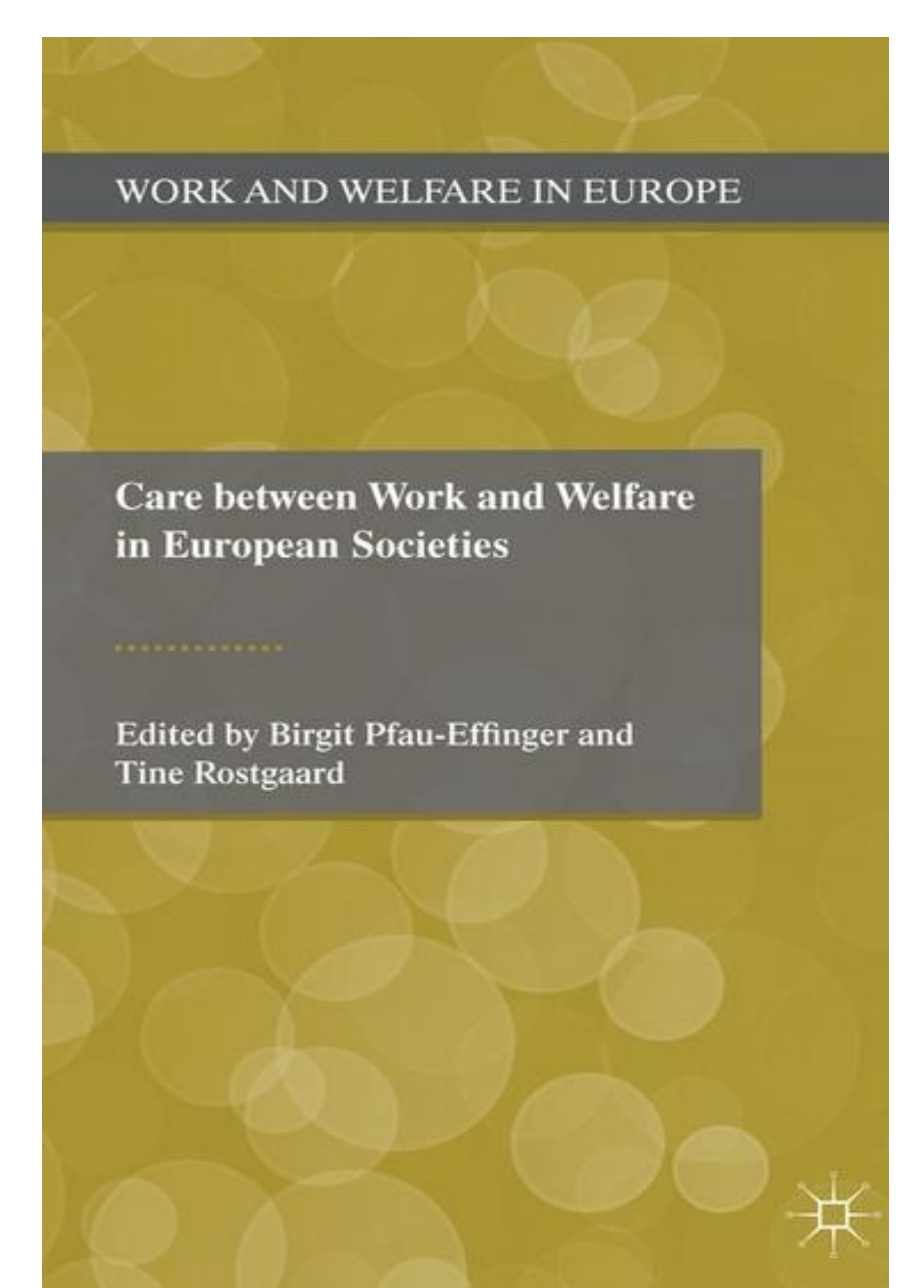
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