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Panel Proposal

Facing the challenges of the 21st century, what Social Policy in Portugal?

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Participants:

João Pontífice Gaspar (ISCSP / OP) – *Alcoholism prevention policy: trodden path and the remaining*

Andreia Nunes, (UL / OP) – *The complementarities between Welfare State and Welfare Society in the challenges of the economic crisis: defragmentation or renovation?*

Liliana de Almeida, (OP) – *Citizenship and the Portuguese NHS*

Abstract

In our days, Social Policy concepts and practices are under two strong pressures: rising social problems and a lack of desired means to provide social improvements. In many countries, traditional Social Policy prescriptions have not proved sufficient to achieve a cohesive, socially just and prosperous society. The mixed record of state effectiveness, market imperfections and persistent structural inequities has undermined the effectiveness of Social Policy. Experts, policymakers and citizens need to invest in fresh thinking and consistent action in order to move beyond conventional social service approaches toward development's goals of equitable opportunity and social justice. In this sense, this panel's presentations explore contributions in different areas and with different approaches to Social Policy in Portugal.