Futures of the Left
Conference Schedule of Events
Saturday, March 21, 2009
Zinner Forum, Heller School
Brandeis University

Beginning the Discussion: 9:15-10 am

Welcome: Karen V. Hansen, Professor and Chair, Sociology

Introduction: Crises, Changes, and New Contexts: The Post-Keynesian, Post-Cold War, Globalized Political World of the Center-Left
George Ross, Morris Hillquit Professor of Sociology and Politics Brandeis

Coffee break 10:00 - 10:30

1. **Comparing Spaces and Cases: Successful Center-Lefts in Europe and the U.S.**
   10:30 - 12:15

Chair/Moderator: Louis Ferleger, Professor of History, Boston University

- Jonas Pontusson, Professor of Government, Princeton University
  Scandinavia and Germany
- James Cronin, Professor of History, Boston College
  UK
- Andrew Martin, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard
  The US
- James Shoch, Professor of Political Science, California State University, Sacramento
  The US

Commentator:

James Pond, European Commission, currently detached to the Czech Presidency of the EU

Lunch: 12:15 – 1:30

2. New Policy Frontiers for the Center-Left?
1:30 - 3:15

Chair/Moderator: Marty Krauss, Professor, Heller School and Sociology and Provost, Brandeis

- Jane Jenson, University of Montreal Vice Dean for Graduate Studies and External Affairs, FAS, University of Montreal and Professor, Political Science, and Canada Research Chair in Citizenship and Governance, University of Montreal
  Children and Early Childhood Education
- Agnès Hubert, Bureau of Economic Policy Advisers, European Commission
  Women and Equal Opportunities
- Sarah Halpern-Meekin, Doctoral Candidate, Sociology and Social Policy, Harvard University
  Reclaiming a Family Agenda

Commentator:

Peter Hall, Krupp Professor of European Politics, Harvard University

Break for Conviviality: 3:15 – 3:45

3. Playing in New Global Arenas: Strategic Problems for the Center Left
3:45 – 5:30

Chair/Moderator: Laura Miller, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Brandeis

- Nils Ringe, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Wisconsin, Madison
  Regional Blocs, the Case of the European Union
- Arthur Goldhammer, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard
  France
- Rianne Mahon, Director of the Institute of Political Economy at Carleton, Canada
  Canada- The Perils of a Small Center-Left in Hard Times

Commentator:

Steven L. Burg, Adlai Stevenson Professor of International Politics and Chair, Politics, Brandeis