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