

Stockholm Social Forum 2017

"The New Horizons of the Two Welfare States: The Swedish and Korean Experiences"

Sweden, as a forerunner in terms of welfare state policies, is ahead of new challenges. Stable welfare finances and tax issues, state-market role in welfare service providers, influx of refugees and internal inconsistency when it comes to doing duties and earning benefits are some examples. One common denominator of all challenges is a stable labor market and creating good jobs in relation to globalisation, Europeanisation, and the new technology-dependent society.

South Korea has achieved fast-growing economy and quality of life during the recent decades. However, economic boom and development based on cutting-edge industries had two effects: increased wellbeing in general as well as polarization between generations and between the haves and the have-nots. The Korean society has been deeply polarized as the quick economic prosperity has been achieved. Still there are some remnants of the past: corruption, low trust, popular resistance against tax raise, and concentration of resources on the central government.

In the Stockholm Social Forum 2017, the new types of challenges of the two states will be the main topics of a half-day conference. The Swedish experiences will be of great use for finding solutions for the Korean attempts in expansion of welfare state services. The East Asian experiences may give some inspirations for overcoming the new challenges of Sweden.

Welcome and please join us!

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Yours sincerely,



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