

# Fifth SoLaR Workshop

## EU Social Policy Soft Law and its Reception in the Member States

### Program

28 February – 1 March 2019  
Freie Universität Berlin  
Seminar Center (Silberlaube), Room L 115  
Otto-von-Simson-Str. 26, 14195 Berlin-Dahlem

Financed by the European Commission, the Academic Network of Soft Law Research (<https://www.solar-network.eu/home/>) aims at stimulating the debate between academics and practitioners on the national role of EU soft law. SoLaR asks whether and how non-legally binding EU instruments are used by national administrations when implementing EU policies and by national courts when ruling in cases falling within the scope of application of EU law.

The 5th Solar Workshop focuses on the role of soft law in the field of EU social policy. During the first day, open to the public, the relevance of soft law in the national practice of social policy will be assessed through a presentation of the effect EU soft law instruments took in Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Slovenia and UK. In particular we analyse three instruments adopted at EU level between 2011 and 2014: Recommendations on investing in children: breaking the cycle of disadvantage (2013/112/EU) and on strengthening the principle of equal pay between men and women through transparency (2014/124/EU) as well as »Buying Social: A Guide to Taking Account of Social Considerations in Public Procurement«. By engaging with a number of distinguished guests from different academic disciplines, the workshop will also examine conceptual questions of EU soft law, as well as the role of soft law in Germany more generally. The second day is reserved to a research meeting involving SoLaR team members and is closed to the public.

# Thursday, 28 March 2019

- 09:00 – 09:15**      **Opening**  
Introduction by Miriam Hartlapp
- 9:15 - 9:45**        **Informal Politics and Legitimacy**  
Mareike Kleine, London School of Economics
- 9:45 - 10:15**    **Soft Law in Germany: Tradition and EU Influence**  
Matthias Knauff, University Jena  
Comment & Discussion: Andreas Hofmann, Freie Universität Berlin
- 10:45 - 11:15**    **Coffee break**
- 11:15 – 12:45**    **Presentation of National Reports Part I**  
**(Chair: Matej Avbelj)**  
Report on Finland by Emilia Korkea-aho, University of Helsinki  
Report on Germany by Miriam Hartlapp, Freie Universität Berlin  
Report on France by Olivier Andre, Aix-Marseille University  
Report on the United Kingdom by Ewan McCaughey, King's College London
- 12:45 – 13:45**    **Lunch**
- 13:45 – 15:30**    **Presentation of National Reports Part II**  
**(Chair: Oana Stefan)**  
Report on Italy by Mariolina Eliantonio, Radboud University  
Report on the Netherlands by Barbara Beijen, Radboud University  
Report on Slovenia by Gorazd Justinek, Faculty of Government and European Studies  
Comment "What have we learned?" & Discussion: Miriam Hartlapp, Freie Universität Berlin

- 15:30 - 16:00**      **Coffee break**
- 16:00 - 16:30**      **Presentation of SoLaR Database**  
Mariolina Eliantonio
- 16:30 – 17:00**      **Effects of Soft Law across the multilevel system**  
Fabien Terpan, University Grenoble  
Comment & Discussion: Mark Dawson, Hertie School of Governance
- 18:30**                **Dinner for Participants**  
Luise Dahlem, Königin-Luise-Straße 40 - 42, 14195 Berlin,  
<http://www.luise-dahlem.de/>

## Friday, 1 March 2019

- 10:00 – 12:00**      **Milestones and challenges**  
Book (Emilia Korkea-aho)  
Next meeting in Aix, Practitioner Events  
Policy Reports (Oana Stefan)
- 12:00 – 13:00**      **Lunch**