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*present a workshop on*

# **“EU Governance and the Future of Social Europe”**

**Friday, 28 October 2005  
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
206 Ingraham Hall**

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At the Lisbon European Council in March 2000, the EU embraced an ambitious new goal: to become “the world’s most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy by 2010, with more and better jobs and greater social cohesion”. To advance this “Lisbon Strategy”, the EU simultaneously introduced a new form of governance: the “Open Method of Coordination” (OMC), based on benchmarking national progress towards common European objectives and organized mutual learning. In the spring of 2005, amid widespread concern that the EU was in danger of failing to achieve its growth and employment goals, the European Council relaunched the Lisbon Strategy, based on a revised set of objectives and policy coordination arrangements. To this volatile mix has since been added a renewed debate about the Future of the European Social Model, initiated by Tony Blair and the UK Presidency. This workshop will examine the controversies surrounding the Lisbon Strategy and consider the implications of recent developments for EU governance and the future of Social Europe.

**“If Economic Governance is the Problem, is Policy Coordination the Solution?”**

*Iain Begg, London School of Economics*

**“Law and Employment Governance in the EU”**

*Claire Kilpatrick, Cambridge University*

**“The Lisbon Strategy, the Open Method of Coordination, and the Future of Social Europe”**

*Jonathan Zeitlin, University of Wisconsin-Madison*



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