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# Europeanizing Social Models?

Research question of the article is:

What are the impact of the Europeanizing pressures of the single market, at the national and subnational level?

Argumentations:

For reshaping of Europe's social models, there are some limits:

- most contributions highlight the limitations of the EU, as a convergence stimulating.
- The dominant representation is: 'hybridization' of Europe's welfare and labour market institutions, programmes and policies.

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Talk of a 'European social model' in an enlarged EU:

- Commitment to the «European social model» in the recent accession countries
- capture the gap in welfare and labour market institutions

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If a definition of the European social model (as a Weberian type) is:

*«Institutional arrangements comprising the welfare state (transfer payments, collective social services, their financing) and the employment relations system (labour law, unions, collective bargaining)»*

the particular discussion at national or subnational cases is missing (Ross & Martin)

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According to the article, ESM has been the essence of national values.

So, there remains some policy autonomy, with domestic institutional and ideational factors mediating EU-level influences.

Intervening variables: EMU and the stability and growth pact.

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EMU is driving Europe towards the US social model.

Further 'softening' of the stability and growth pact's make a reshaping of welfare institutions.

European integration and market

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competition orientated EU economic governance

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has weakened the division of labour.

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In this context:

*The nation state is “no longer the ultimate arbiter of inclusion and exclusion into its own redistributive spaces”.*

The EU is conceived as a set of “member spaces” which are “constantly engaged in balancing acts between opening and closing”, where national welfare spaces face challenges from the supranational and subnational levels.