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Developing the conceptualisation of care as a social good: the case of the European Social Platform's Recommendations on Care

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Location: Goodsell, room 221/223

Abstract: In December 2011 the European Social Platform –the voice of civil society in Europe – presented its recommendations on care. Their vision promotes a holistic approach to care policies and practices; it is informed by the ethics of care and argues that to provide and receive care are fundamental human rights. In this talk I shall develop these ideas further to consider the criteria for an adequate conceptualisation of care as a social good. This adequacy will draw on key developments in social movement and equality theory, and its criteria include the capacity to shape a new politics of care.

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