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CONFERENCE ON
SOCIAL JUSTICE
IN TRANSATLANTIC PERSPECTIVE

March 30 – 31, 2006

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*The history, present trajectory, and future agenda of social justice
in the light of changing global relationships.*

How do we think about social rights now that the era of the welfare state has passed? Since the Second World War, national states in Europe and the Americas have protected the social well-being of individuals and groups within their borders. But the rights that have become a feature of democratic citizenship everywhere are now threatened by “globalization.” In what form will they survive the new brand of conservatism in the United States and Europe? How do we imagine political, institutional and economic practice changing in response to current criticisms of the old social democratic model? Is a divergence in definitions and practices of social justice and social rights in the United States and Europe an aspect of the so-called “widening Atlantic”? We hope to illuminate these and other questions in a day and a half of intense discussion with leading scholars in various disciplines.

Please reserve seats by March 28: wb2149@columbia.edu; tel 212 854 4437

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Thursday, March 30

1:30 – 2:45: **Welcome and Opening Statements**

David Freedberg (Columbia University)

Alan Brinkley (Columbia University)

Maurizio Vaudagna (University of Eastern Piedmont)

Keynote: Joseph E. Stiglitz (Columbia University)

3:00 – 5:00: **20th-Century Notions of Social
Justice: Historical Views**

Chair: **Jean L. Cohen** (Columbia University)

Federico Romero (University of Florence)

Linda Gordon (New York University)

Isaac Kramnick (Cornell University)

6:00 – 7:30: **Public Plenary**

Chair: **Alice Kessler-Harris** (Columbia University)

Chiara Saraceno (University of Turin)

Frances Fox Piven (City University of New York)

Friday, March 31

9:30 – 12:30: **Contemporary Transformations in
Social Rights**

Chair: **Volker Berghahn** (Columbia University)

Goran Therborn (Swedish Academy of Advanced
Studies in the Social Sciences)

Nancy Fraser (New School University)

Dorothy Sue Cobble (Rutgers University)

12:30 – 2:00: **Lunch Break**

2:00 – 5:00: **The Politics and Prospects of Social
Rights**

Chair: **Elisabetta Vezzosi** (University of Trieste)

Jane Lewis (London School of Economics)

Carol Sanger (Columbia University School of Law)

Julian Zelizer (Boston University)

5:00 – 7:00: **Closing Reception**

Among the Participants

Elazar Barkan (Columbia University), **Raffaella Baritono** (University of Bologna), **Tiziano Bonazzi** (University of Bologna), **Belinda Davis** (Rutgers University), **Nicholas Dirks** (Columbia University), **Eric Foner** (Columbia University), **Gary Gerstle** (University of Maryland), **Dolores Greenberg** (CUNY), **Lisa Kannenberg** (College of Saint Rose), **Jennifer Klein** (Yale University), **Seth Koven** (Villanova University), **Ryoko Kurihara** (Japan), **Robert C. Lieberman** (Columbia University), **Jeff Manza** (Northwestern University), **Marco Mariano** (Piero Bairati Center for European-American Studies), **Gillian Metzger** (Columbia University Law School), **Mignon Moore** (Columbia University), **Rosalind Morris** (Columbia University), **David Nasaw** (CUNY Graduate Center), **Mary Nolan** (New York University), **Marta Petrusiewicz** (Hunter College), **Liz Schneider** (Brooklyn Law School), **Bert Silverman** (Hofstra University), **Charles Tilly** (Columbia University), **John Torpey** (CUNY Graduate Center), **Edoardo Tortarolo** (University of Eastern Piedmont), **Nadia Urbinati** (Columbia University), **Daniel Walkowitz** (New York University), **John Fabian Witt** (Columbia University), **Marilyn B. Young** (New York University), **Eli Zaretsky** (New School for Social Research)