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Thursday Sociological Seminars

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Lessons from the pandemic? Southern European welfare systems between old constraints and new opportunities: the case of Italy

In Southern European or Mediterranean countries, the Covid-19 pandemic significantly increased the awareness of the need to expand social service provision and to adapt health services to demographic, social and economic transformations. The seminar reconstructs how post-pandemic reforms have been developed and are currently implemented in Italy, focusing on health and social care (childcare and long-term care). Drawing from current research, the analysis shows how the interplay between the partial return of resource and institutional constraints and the changing nature of actors' coalitions are undermining the reforms, with the risk of missing the historical opportunity to profoundly change the Italian "familistic" welfare system.

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