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THE POLITICS OF SENIOR CARE REFORM IN EUROPE

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ABSTRACT

Drawing on insights from two ongoing research projects, in this talk Franca van Hooren reflects on the politics of senior care reform in Europe. Across Europe, there are vast differences in the organization of senior care. European welfare states differ in the extent to which senior care – i.e. care for the elderly – is publicly provided or financed, marketized or outsourced to private for-profit providers, provided by migrant workers, or left to family members. In the context of population ageing, the demand for senior care has grown rapidly, while the working age population that can provide care is shrinking. This has

put pressure on senior care provision and led to labour shortages and care gaps in all European welfare states.

The presentation argues that a "care trilemma" has emerged, in which three different priorities compete in the politics of senior care reform: the wish to provide good and accessible care, the wish to contain the public costs of care, and the wish to contain immigration into care work. The choice between these priorities has enormous implications for the availability of and working conditions in senior care. While empirical reality has shown that it is impossible to achieve all three objectives at the same time, little is still known about the conditions under which governments choose to prioritize different objectives. This question becomes particularly salient in a time of strong populist backlash against migration. The presentation begins to address this gap by reviewing the choices made by different European governments in recent years.

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