

“*European Models: A flexible future?*”

The final session would take up the theme of recession impacts on employment in Europe. There has been a long debate about the future of the European Social Model and its demise and the future of flexible employment.

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