

The Newly Disadvantaged: Responses to rapid socioeconomic change in Greece

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ABSTRACT:

The deep crisis in Greece has resulted in economic hardship and social dislocation for a substantial proportion of the country's population. This talk has two objectives. First, it provides a brief overview of reforms to the Greek welfare state, with a focus on changes to entitlements and eligibility criteria. Emphasis is placed on who was primarily affected, and what consequences this had. Second, building on this background, the talk examines how newly unemployed working-class people responded to adversity. Drawing on findings from fieldwork in a community near Greece's major port, the talk investigates the reconfiguration of reliance on material, institutional, social and cultural resources that people drew on in order to maintain their livelihoods.



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