The coupling of disadvantages: Material poverty and multiple deprivation in Europe before and after the Great Recession

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Abstract:
In this paper, I present data from the EU Survey on Income and Living Conditions at four time points (2005, 2008, 2011, 2013) and draw on the Alkire-Foster measure of multidimensional poverty to present change in poverty and multiple deprivation in Europe before and after the Great Recession. In the paper, I argue that there has been a significant reconfiguration of poverty in Europe during the past decade, increasingly concentrated in the South of the continent (in Greece, Italy and Spain), and less focussed on the Central and Eastern Member States. In the talk, I will also reflect on the value, and limitations, of composite indices of multidimensional poverty vis-à-vis those of adopting a ‘dashboard’ approach.

About the speaker:
Dr. Rod Hick is a Lecturer in Social Policy at Cardiff University. His areas of expertise are the conceptualisation and measurement of poverty; the analysis of poverty and anti-poverty programmes, and social security. He is currently Principal Investigator of a Nuffield Foundation-funded study of in-work poverty in the UK. Dr Hick was awarded the Best Paper Prize at the 2015 Foundation for International Studies of Social Security (FISS) conference. From January 2017, he will be co-editor of the Journal of Poverty and Social Justice.