Abstract: Social rights in terms of welfare and work are disappearing from the European political agenda, the more so as austerity is assumed to be the only imperative response to the financial crisis. This book, which collects the results of the leading European integrated research project CAPRIGHT ("Resources, Rights and Capabilities: In Search of Social Foundations for Europe"), argues for an alternative way out, which puts the enhancement of citizens’ capabilities at the core of the European social model. The contributors show why and how a democracy grounded in economic and social life - where a plurality of voices may be heard, where citizens participate in collective bargaining and public deliberation - is crucial for the Europe's future. The contributions in this book are the result of a four-year period of research and workshops (2007-2010), with the main focus on how lifelong learning, the labour market, employment and social protection combine in terms of personal experience and whether the resources available at certain key points are sufficient, when factors creating risk or discontinuity can impede personal development.

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interconnections between democratic equality and economic justice. It counters paternalistic ideas of welfare reform by focusing on citizen participation. This conception moves beyond simple equality in the possession of goods and resources to propose a rich, materially grounded conception of democratic equality. In Reflexive Democracy, Kevin Olson provides a thoughtful, literate, and powerfully persuasive response: the welfare state does not perpetuate a vicious cycle of poverty; instead, it initiates a virtuous cycle of enablement, making it essential for the preservation of an inclusive democracy. The defense of the welfare state this book so eloquently articulates is a major statement that enriches our public discourse in desperately needed ways.” Welfare, Work and Public Deliberation in Europe · Travail Et Société / Work and Society. by Ota De Leonardis Editor · Serafino Negrelli Editor. ebook. The contributors show why and how a democracy grounded in economic and social life – where a plurality of voices may be heard, where citizens participate in collective bargaining and public deliberation – is crucial for the Europe’s future. The contributions in this book are the result of a four-year period of research and workshops (2007-2010), with the main focus on how lifelong learning, the labour market, employment and social protection combine in terms of personal experience and whether the resources available at certain key points are sufficient, when factors creating risk or disco Her research focuses on theories of deliberative democracy, institutional design and public policy, in particular health politics and policy. Currently, he is working on various current projects related to deliberation, emotions in politics and political participation, including research on the New England Town Meeting in Connecticut and the Oregon Citizens’ Initiative Review. In recent years, his specific focus has been on the role of deliberation in the transformation of preferences and the implications of empirical findings for normative democratic theory and the institutionalisation of deliberative democracy. Despite widespread scholarly and public interest in deliberative mini-publics, their overall