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# **The Developmental Welfare State**

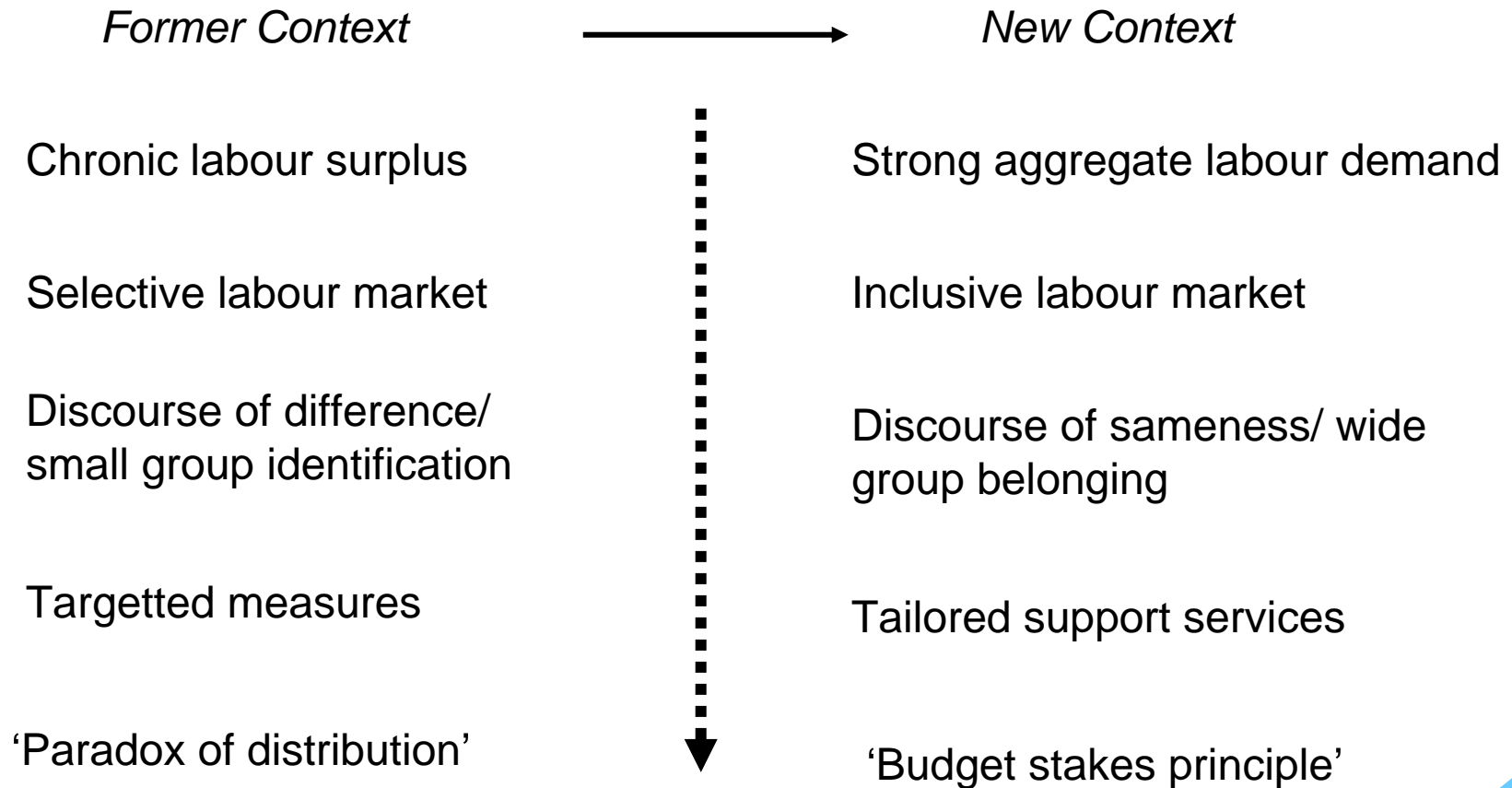
EAPN Ireland Employment Working Group

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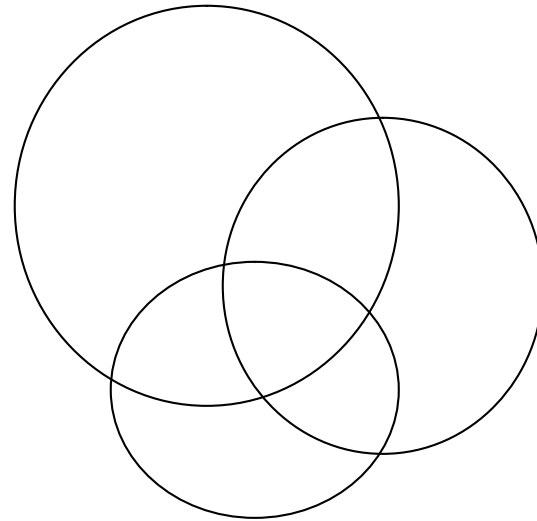


# New times, new perspectives



# The Basic Architecture of the 'Developmental Welfare State'

***Services***



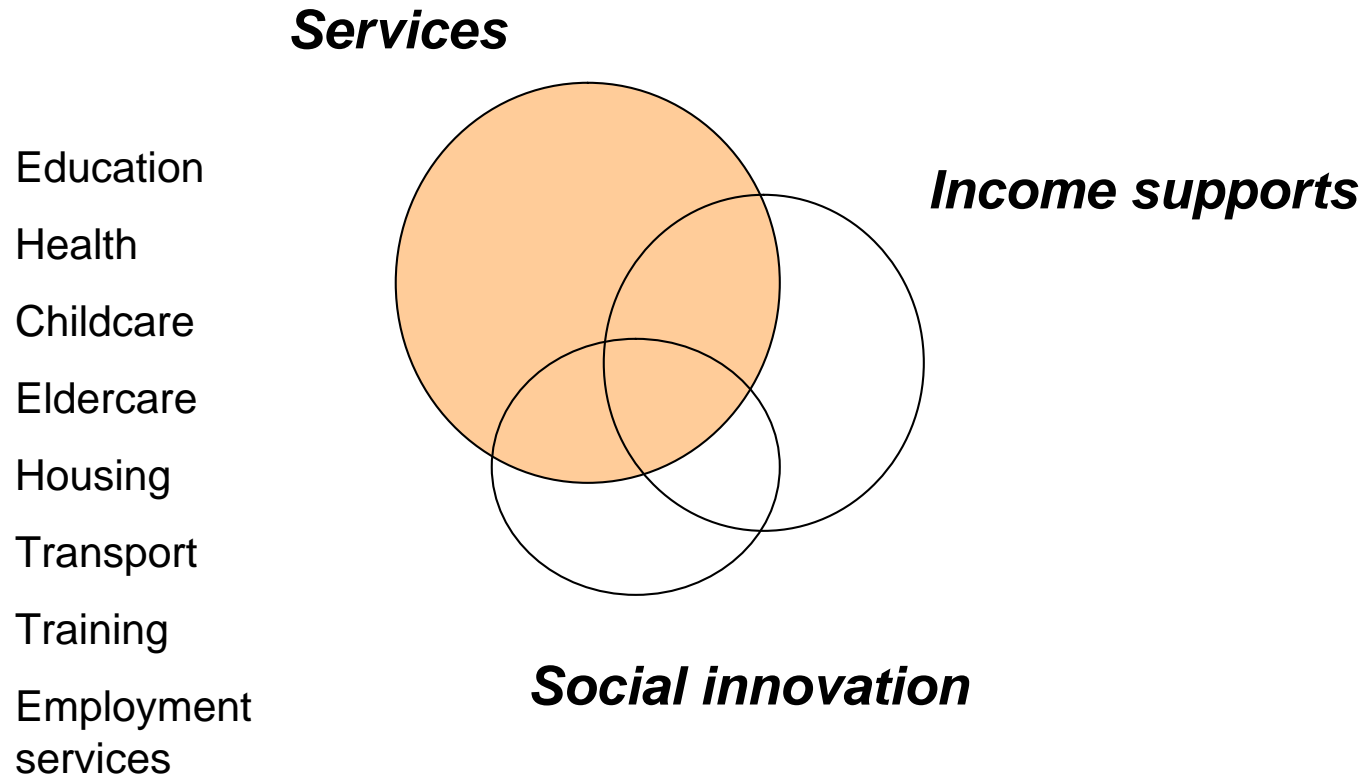
***Income supports***

***Social innovation***

## Monitoring progress towards the Development Welfare State

Who?	What?	How?	
	Integration of services, income support and activist measures	Governance and leadership	Standards and rights
Ages 0-17: children and young people			
Ages 18-29: young adults			
Ages 30-64: 'anchor' adults			
Ages 65+			
People challenged in their personal autonomy			

# The 'Services Dividend'



## **‘Quality’, publicly funded services**

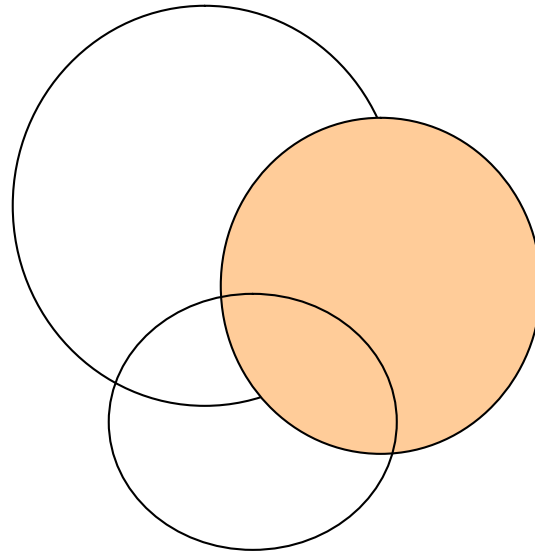
‘Deepening dualism’ - unwelcome signs, and an unwelcome destination

Replace *vicious circle* – slow change, poor standards, middle class secession, low investment – with *virtuous circle* – continuous improvement, high standards, middle class preference, high investment

‘Accountable autonomy’ – focus on outcomes, performance indicators, transparency, network management, multi-annual funding

More widespread access to quality services will contribute to ‘de-problematizing’ current contingencies (e.g., lone parenting, living with a disability)

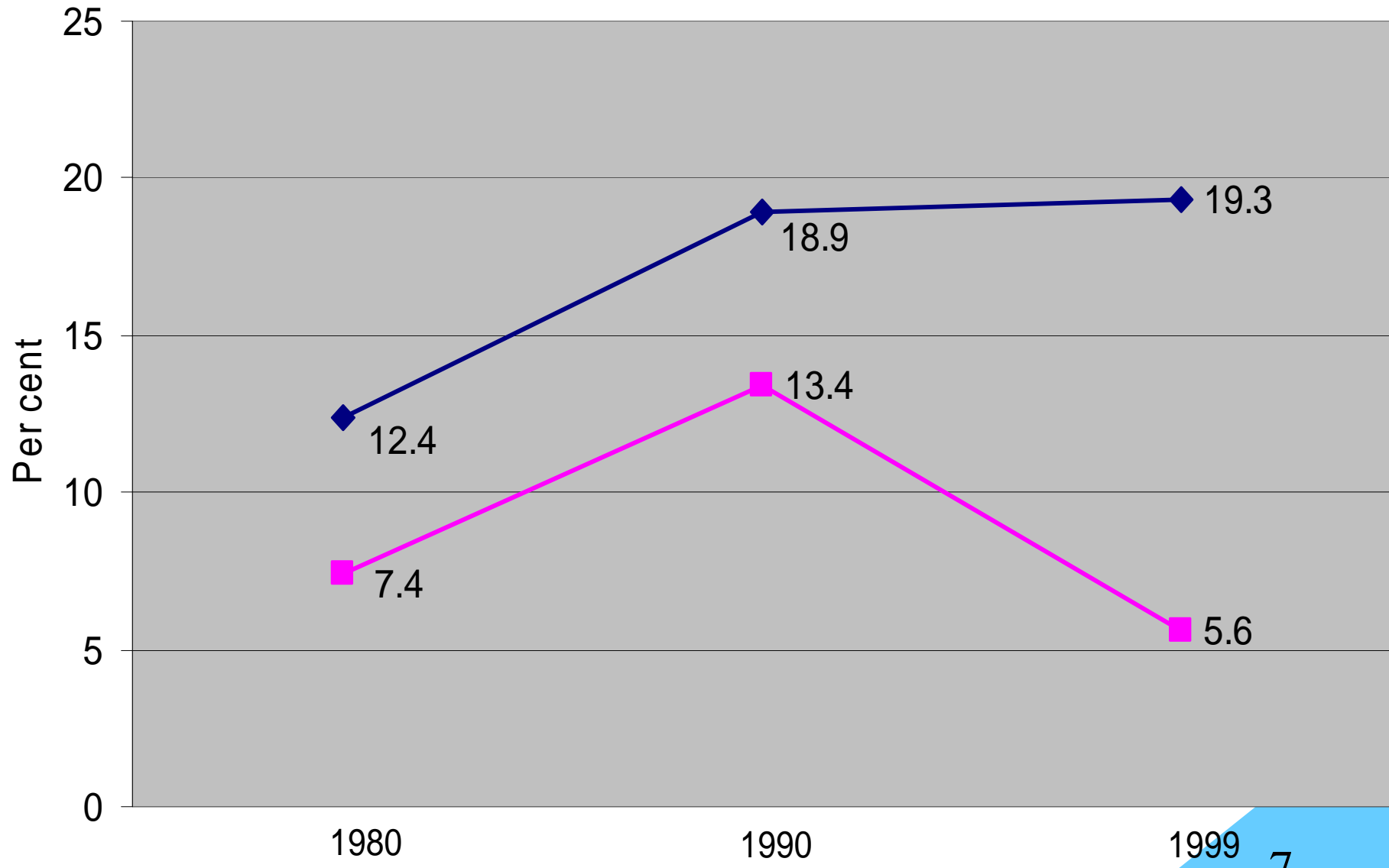
## 'Income necessary but not sufficient'



### *Income supports*

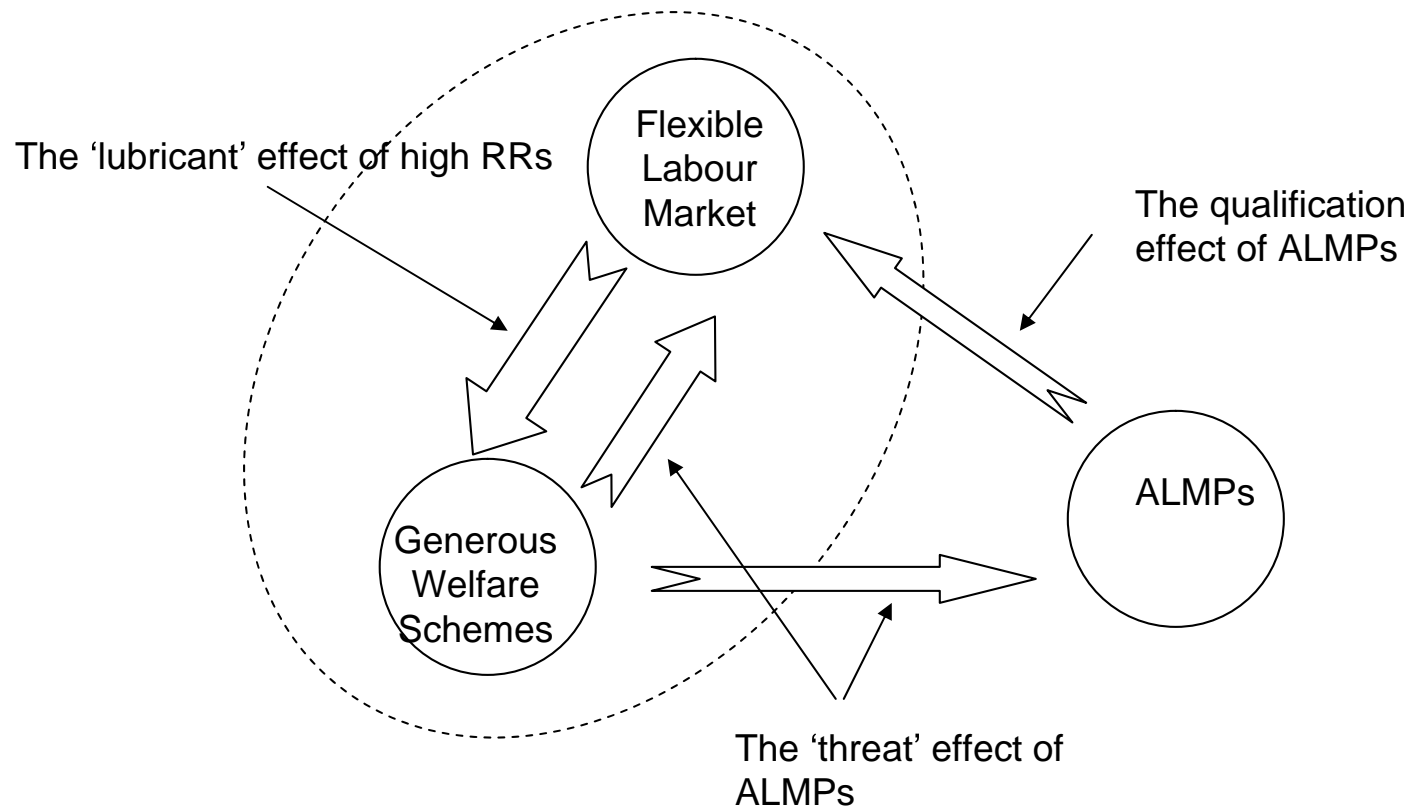
Social Insurance  
Social Assistance  
Tax expenditures  
Child benefit

# Unemployment and Benefit Recipiency Rates, 1980-1999





# The “Golden Triangle” of Flexicurity



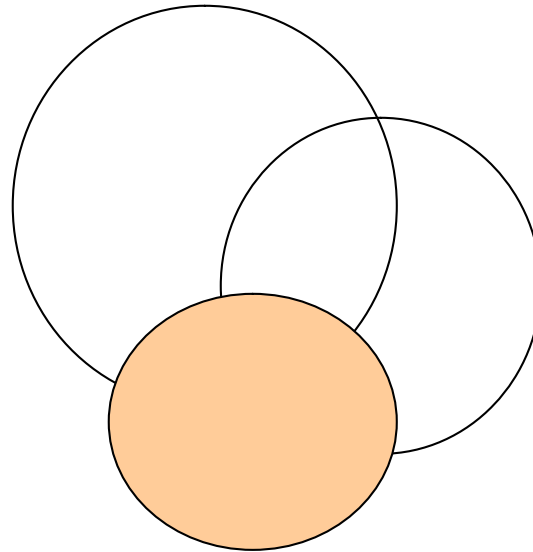
## The 'R & D' of Ireland's Welfare State

*What?*

'Schemes'

Area-based  
measures

'New' C & V



***Social Innovation***

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