

INTL8300
Special Topics in Comparative Politics: Comparative Welfare State Research
University of Georgia
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Candler Hall 117, Wednesday 3:35-6:35pm

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Course Description: This course introduces you to the comparative study of social policy. The aim is to help you understand the varying ways in which countries address social issues and the political forces that have shaped these policy responses.

The course is organized into four main parts. We begin by examining cross-country variation in social policies and we discuss typologies of welfare regimes. In the second part we examine the social and political forces that have shaped contemporary welfare states. In this context we will discuss how the welfare state affects income and gender inequality. In the third part we move on to analyze contemporary policy issues affecting the welfare state. After having reviewed the literature on welfare state expansion and retrenchment, we will end this course by discussing a number of current topics in welfare state research, including the application of welfare state theories to non-Western countries, variation in public support for the welfare state and the effect of immigration.

Readings: Several journal articles and the following books, which can be purchased, but which should also be available in the library.

Morgan, K. J. (2006). *Working mothers and the welfare state: Religion and the politics of work-family policies in Western Europe and the United States*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Huber, E., & Stephens, J. D. (2001). *Development and crisis of the welfare state: parties and policies in global markets*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Pierson, P. (2001). *The New Politics of the Welfare State*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Sainsbury, D. (1996). *Gender, equality and welfare states*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Haggard, S., & Kaufman, R. R. (2008). *Development, Democracy, and Welfare States: Latin America, East Asia, and Eastern Europe*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Esping-Andersen, G. (1990). *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Assignments: Because the course is meant to help students design empirical research projects, the main assignment is a final analytical paper. In this paper (15-20 pages), you will be expected to formulate a research puzzle, review competing theories, develop your own hypotheses and do the empirical research to test your hypotheses. You will hold a conference like presentation on your research on the last day of class (December 2), where you will receive feedback from a discussant assigned to you. The final paper is due on December 15, 2015.

Students also chose four weeks for which they will write a short 2-3 page paper reacting to the readings. These papers may critique both theoretical and empirical aspects of the readings, discuss possible extensions and empirical applications or propose alternative approaches. They will form the basis for a more active role for the student in leading this week's discussion and will be circulated by Tuesday night before the class.

Grading is as follows:

Short papers: 10 % each

Participation: 20%

Final paper: 40%

August 19: Introduction and course organization – What is a welfare state?

Korpi, W. (1980). Social policy and distributional conflict in the capitalist democracies. A preliminary comparative framework. *West European Politics*, 3(3), 296-316.

PART I: CROSS-COUNTRY VARIATION IN SOCIAL POLICIES

August 26: Variation in social policies and regime types

Esping-Andersen, G. (1990). *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
(Chapters 2 & 3)

Scruggs, L., & Allan, J. (2006). Welfare-state decommodification in 18 OECD countries: a replication and revision. *Journal of European Social Policy*, 16(1), 55-72.

Ferrera, M. (1996). The 'Southern model' of welfare in social Europe. *Journal of European Social Policy*, 6(1), 17-37.

→ take a look at datasets that form the basis of these studies

September 2: Institutional complementarities - welfare state regimes and varieties of capitalism

Kitschelt, H., Lange, P., Marks, G., & Stephens, J. D. (1999). Convergence and divergence in advanced capitalist democracies. In Kitschelt, H., Lange, P., Marks, G., and Stephens, J. D (Eds.) *Continuity and Change in Contemporary Capitalism*. (pp. 427-460) Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Huber, E., & Stephens, J. D. (2001). *Development and Crisis of the Welfare State: Parties and Policies in Global Markets*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
(Chapter 4)

Estevez-Abe, M., Iversen, T., & Soskice, D. (2001). Social protection and the formation of skills: a reinterpretation of the welfare state. In Hall, P. and Soskice, D. (Eds.) *Varieties of capitalism. The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Hall, P. & Gingerich, D.W. (2009). Varieties of Capitalism and Institutional Complementarities in the Political Economy: An Empirical Analysis. *British Journal of Political Science*, 39(3), 449-482.

September 9: Gendering welfare state regimes

Sainsbury, D. (1996). *Gender, Equality and Welfare States*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Esping-Andersen, G. (1999). *Social Foundations of Postindustrial Economies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
(Chapter 5)

Suggested further readings: Lewis, J. (1992). Gender and the development of welfare regimes. *Journal of European Social Policy*, 2(3), 159-173.

PART II: WELFARE STATE DEVELOPMENT & WELFARE STATE OUTCOMES

September 16: Structural versus actor-centric explanations

Korpi, W. (1989). Power, politics, and state autonomy in the development of social citizenship: social rights during sickness in eighteen OECD countries since 1930. *American Sociological Review*, 54(3), 309-328.

Huber, E., & Stephens, J. D. (2001). *Development and crisis of the welfare state: parties and policies in global markets*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
(Chapters 2, 3, 4)

Suggested further readings: Wilensky, H. L. (1974). *The welfare state and equality: Structural and ideological roots of public expenditures*. University of California Press.

Hicks, A., & Swank, D. (1984). On the Political Economy of Welfare Expansion A Comparative Analysis of 18 Advanced Capitalist Democracies, 1960-1971. *Comparative Political Studies*, 17(1), 81-119.

Sept 23: Political institutions and social policy development

Immergut, E. M. (1992). The rules of the game: The logic of health policy-making in France, Switzerland, and Sweden. In Steinmo, S., Thelen, K. and Longstreth, F. (Eds.) *Structuring politics: Historical institutionalism in comparative analysis*. (pp. 57-89). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Bonoli, G. (2001). Political Institutions, Veto Points, and the Process of Welfare State Adaptation. In Pierson, P. (Ed.) *The New Politics of the Welfare State*. Oxford: University Press.

Swank, D. (2001). Political Institutions and Welfare State Restructuring: The Impact of Institutions on Social Policy Change in Developed Democracies. In Pierson, P. (Ed.) *The New Politics of the Welfare State*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Crepaz, M. M. L., & Moser, A. W. (2004). The impact of collective and competitive veto points on public expenditures in the global age. *Comparative Political Studies*, 37(3), 259-285.

Iversen, T., & Soskice, D. (2006). Electoral institutions and the politics of coalitions: Why some democracies redistribute more than others. *American Political Science Review*, 100(02), 165-181.

September 30: The influence of religion

Morgan, K. J. (2006). *Working mothers and the welfare state: Religion and the politics of work-family policies in Western Europe and the United States*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Van Kersbergen, K. (2003). *Social capitalism: A study of Christian democracy and the welfare state*. London: Routledge.
(Chapter 5)

October 7: Welfare state outcomes

Brady, D., & Burroway, R. (2012). Targeting, universalism, and single-mother poverty: A multilevel analysis across 18 affluent democracies. *Demography*, 49(2), 719-746.

Brady, D., Fullerton, A. S., & Cross, J. M. (2009). Putting poverty in political context: a multi-level analysis of adult poverty across 18 affluent democracies. *Social Forces*, 88(1), 271-299.

Kleider, H. (2015). Paid and Unpaid Work: The Impact of Social Policies on the Gender Division of Labour? *Journal of European Social Policy*, 25(5), 505-520.

Huber, E., Stephens, J. D., Bradley, D., Moller, S., & Nielsen, F. (2009). The politics of women's economic independence. *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society*, 16(1), 1-39.

PART III: TRANSFORMATION OF THE WELFARE STATE

October 14: Causes of welfare state retrenchment – globalization or domestic cause?

Scharpf, F. W., & Schmidt, V. A. (Eds.). (2000). *Welfare and work in the open economy: volume ii: diverse responses to common challenges in twelve countries* (Vol. 2). Oxford: Oxford University Press
(Introduction)

Garrett, G., & Lange, P. (1991). Political responses to interdependence: what's "left" for the left?. *International Organization*, 45(04), 539-564.

Huber, E., & Stephens, J. D. (2001). *Development and crisis of the welfare state: parties and policies in global markets*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
(Chapter 6)

Pierson, P. (1996). The new politics of the welfare state. *World Politics*, 48(02), 143-179.

October 21: Different welfare regimes, different challenges?

Iversen, T. & Wren, A. (1998). Equality, Employment and Budgetary Restraint: The Trilemma of the Service Economy. *World Politics*, 50(4): 507-46.

Pierson, P. (Ed.). (2001). *The New Politics of the Welfare State*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
(Chapter by John Myers & Paul Pierson and conclusion by Paul Pierson)

Palier, B. (Ed.). (2010). *A Long Goodbye to Bismarck? The Politics of Welfare Reforms in Continental Europe*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.
(Chapters 1, 11, 13)

October 28: New social risks and the insider- outsider divide

Esping-Andersen, G. (2002). *Why We Need a New Welfare State*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (Chapters 1 & 2)

Rueda, D. (2005). Insider–outsider politics in industrialized democracies: the challenge to social democratic parties. *American Political Science Review*, 99(01), 61-74.

Schwander, H., & Häusermann, S. (2013). Who is in and who is out? A risk-based conceptualization of insiders and outsiders. *Journal of European Social Policy*, 23(3), 248-269.

Emmenegger, P. (Ed.). (2012). *The Age of Dualization: The Changing Face of Inequality in Deindustrializing Societies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (Chapter 1)

PART IV: SELECTED TOPICS

November 4: Public support for the welfare state

Rehm, P., Hacker, J. S., & Schlesinger, M. (2012). Insecure alliances: Risk, inequality, and support for the welfare state. *American Political Science Review*, 106(02), 386-406.

Schwander, H., Häusermann, S., & Kurer, T. (2014). High-skilled outsiders? Labor market vulnerability, education and welfare state preferences. *Socio-Economic Review*, 13 (2), 235-258.

Giger, N., & Nelson, M. (2011). The electoral consequences of welfare state retrenchment: Blame avoidance or credit claiming in the era of permanent austerity?. *European Journal of Political Research*, 50(1), 1-23.

Schumacher, G., Vis, B., & Van Kersbergen, K. (2013). Political parties' welfare image, electoral punishment and welfare state retrenchment. *Comparative European Politics*, 11(1), 1-21.

November 11: Immigration and welfare state solidarity

Mau, S., & Burkhardt, C. (2009). Migration and welfare state solidarity in Western Europe. *Journal of European Social Policy*, 19(3), 213-229.

Brady, D. & Finnigan, R. (2013). Does Immigration Undermine Public Support for Social Policy? *American Sociological Review*, 79, 17-42.

Burgoon, B. (2014). Immigration, Integration, and Support for Redistribution in Europe. *World Politics*, 66(03), 365-405.

Crepaz, M. M. L. & Damron, R, (2009). Constructing Tolerance: How the Welfare State shapes Attitudes about Immigrants. *Comparative Political Studies*, 42: 437-463.

November 18: Social policy in Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America

Haggard, S., & Kaufman, R. R. (2008). *Development, Democracy, and Welfare States: Latin America, East Asia, and Eastern Europe*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. (Chapters 1,2,5)

Orenstein, M. A. (2008). Postcommunist welfare states. *Journal of Democracy*, 19(4), 80-94.

December 2: Presentation of Research Papers