

POL 410 H1: Topics of Comparative Politics
Politics of Welfare Development in Comparative Perspective

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Course Description

This course explores the origin and expansion of welfare in the developed and developing countries. The concept of welfare regime will go beyond the concept of 'welfare state' and a special focus will be given to how the politics of welfare expansion supplements the survival of political regimes.

To start, the course will introduce students to a broad understanding of the concepts, measurements and theoretical approaches and debates regarding welfare development. It will then move on to focusing on specific regions across the globe so that students can develop in-depth understanding of the politics of welfare with a comparative perspective. While the second half of the course is designed based on different regions, each reading is grounded in the theoretical framework introduced at the beginning of the course. As a result, the second half of the course will help student develop their own perspective on the application of welfare theories and how well they explain the country cases.

The main goals of the course are to provide important concepts and theoretical and empirical understanding about the politics of welfare so that students can address these questions:

- What are the important questions about welfare policy and why they are inescapable in anyone's life?
- What is the role of the state and non-state actors for one's access to welfare provision?
- Are democracies any better than autocracies in ensuring welfare provision and outcomes?
- How welfare policy should adapt to the post-industrial world and what are the challenges and trade-offs?

Grading and Assignments

Participation 15%

Every student is expected to read the assigned readings in advance and participate constructively during the online seminar. The online seminar will use [Blackboard Collaborate platform on Quercus](#). I will consider if a student needs special accommodation due to unreliable access to internet. The students are not required to use a webcam during the online session.

Weekly Reading Summary 15%

Every student is expected to submit a total of three reading summaries (5% each) throughout the course. A student can choose the (bi-weekly) readings they are willing to summarize. The written summary should be one-page (single-spaced) maximum. It must be submitted through Quercus 24 hours before the class. The summary should outline the main arguments of the readings and provide three questions for discussion during the class. The class discussion will start with the student's summary.

Essay Proposal 15%

Each student will submit a final paper proposal by the assigned due date. It will be an opportunity for the students to discuss and improve their research topic and approaches before the submission of the final paper. The proposal will include the research question, theoretical framework and rationales for selection of two comparative cases.

Case Study Presentation 20%

Each student is expected to present welfare policy developments of their chosen country cases starting from the end of 3rd week. Each presentation will last 15 minutes. The presentation will take place online using the Blackboard Collaborate platform. The students are not required to use a webcam during the online presentation.

Essay 35%

The students will submit the final essay which will be developed based on essay proposal and case study presentation. The essay will have 2500 word-limit.

Lecture Topics & Schedule

Week 1: Introduction, Concept & Measurement

Bonoli, Giuliano. 1997. Classifying Welfare States: A two-dimension Approach. *Journal of Social Policy*, 26, 3, 351- 372.

Esping-Andersen, Gøsta. 1990. *Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, Chapter 2: "Decommodification of Social Policy."

Wood, Geof and Ian Gough. 2006. "A comparative welfare regime approach to global social policy." *World Development*, 34, 10 (October): 1696-1712.

Recommended:

Scruggs, L. A., & Allan, J. P. (2008). Social stratification and welfare regimes for the twenty first century: Revisiting the three worlds of welfare capitalism. *World Politics*, 60(4), 642-664.

Seekings, Jeremy. Chapter 1 “Welfare Regimes and Redistribution in the South” in Ian Shapiro, Peter A. Swenson and Daniela Donno. *Divide and Deal: The Politics of Distribution in Democracies*, 1-42.

Week 1: Inequality & Welfare

Esping-Andersen, Gosta and John Myles. 2011. “Economic Inequality and the Welfare State.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Inequality*, edited by Brian Nolan, Wiemer Salverda, and Timothy M. Smeeding. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Brandolini, Andrea and Timothy Smeeding. 2006. “Patterns of Economic Inequality in Western Democracies: Some Facts on Levels and Trends,” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 34: 21-6.

Inglehart, Ronald and Pippa Norris. 2017. “Trump and the Populist Authoritarian Parties; The Silent Revolution in Reverse,” *Perspectives on Politics* 15.2: 443-454.

Recommended:

Boix, Carles (2010). “Origins and Persistence of Economic Inequality.” *Annual Review of Political Science*. 13:489-516.

Cassidy, John (2014). “Piketty’s Inequality Story in Six Charts.” *The New Yorker* March 26, 2014.

Korpi, Walter and Joakim Palme. 1998. “The Paradox of Redistribution and Strategies of Equality: Welfare State Institutions, Inequality, and Poverty in the Western Countries,” *American Sociological Review* 63.5: 661-687.

Week 2: Theoretical Debates - Regime Type & Convergence

Ross, Michael. 2006. “Is Democracy Good for the Poor,” *American Journal of Political Science* 50.4: 860-874.

Gallagher, Mary and Jonathan K. Hanson. 2009. “Coalitions, Carrots, and Sticks: Economic Inequality and Authoritarian States,” *Political Science & Politics* 42.4: 667-672.

Rudra, Nita. 2007. “Welfare States in Developing Countries: Unique or Universal?” *The Journal of Politics*, 69.2: 378-396.

Recommended:

Boix, Carles. 2003. *Democracy and Redistribution*. New York: Cambridge University Press, Chapter 1.

Tsebelis, George. 2002. *Veto Players. How Political Institutions Work*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, Chapters 2 and 3.

Week 2: Globalization & Welfare

Evans, Peter. 1997. "The eclipse of the state? Reflections on stateness in an era of globalization" *World Politics*, 50.1: 62-87.

Garrett, Geoffrey. 1998. Chapter 1: "Introduction" in *Partisan Politics in the Global Economy* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Rudra, Nita. 2002. "Globalization and the Decline of the Welfare State in Less Developed Countries." *International Organization* 56.2: 411-445.

Recommended:

Garrett, Geoffrey. 1995. "Capital Mobility, Trade and the Domestic Politics of Economic Policy," *International Organization* 49.4: 657-687.

Iversen, Torben and Thomas R. Cusack. 2000. "The Causes of Welfare State Expansion: Deindustrialization or Globalization?" *52.3*: 313-349.

Week 3: Power Resource Theory & Welfare

Walter Korpi. 2006. "Power Resources and Employer-Centered Approaches in Explanations of Welfare States and Varieties of Capitalism: Protagonists, Consenters, and Antagonists". *World Politics* 58: 167–206.

Bradley, David, Evelyn Huber, Stephanie Moller, François Nielsen, and John Stephens. 2003. "Distribution and Redistribution in Postindustrial Democracies," *World Politics* 55:193-228.

Huber, Evelyn and Stephens, John. 2001. Chapter 5 "The development of welfare states and production regimes in the Golden Age: A comparative historical analysis" in *Development and Crisis of the Welfare State*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, pp. 113-201.

Recommended:

Huber, Evelyn and Stephens, John. 2001. *Development and Crisis of the Welfare State*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, Chapters 5, 7.

Regional Focus + Presentations

Week 3: Latin America

Segura-Ubierno, 2007. Chapter 2: "The Historical Evolution of Welfare Systems in Latin America" in *The Political Economy of Welfare States in Latin America*, Cambridge University Press.

Huber, Evelyne and Huan Bogliaccini. 2010. "Latin America" in *the Oxford Handbooks of the Welfare State*, edited by Castles et al.

Madrid, Raul. 2005. "Labouring against neoliberalism: Unions and patterns of reform in Latin America." *Journal of Latin American Studies*. 35: 53-88.

Recommended:

Levitsky, Steven and Lucan A. Way. 1998. "Between a Shock and a Hard Place: The Dynamics of Labor-Backed Adjustment in Poland and Argentina," *Comparative Politics*, 30.2: 171-192.

Huber, Evelyne. Thomas Mustillo and Jogn D. Stephens. 2008. "Politics and Social Spending in Latin America," *The Journal of Politics* 70.2: 420-436.

Week 4: Post-Communist States

Cook, Linda J. "Eastern Europe and Russia" in the *Oxford Handbooks of the Welfare State*, edited by Castles et al. 2010.

Cook, Linda J. and Martin K. Dimitrov. 2017. "The Social Contract Revisited: Evidence from Communist and State Capitalist Economies," *Europe-Asia Studies* 69:1: 8-26.

Forrat, Natalia. 2018. Shock-Resistant Authoritarianism: School Teachers and Infrastructural State Capacity in Putin's Russia," *Comparative Politics* 50.3: 417-449.

Aidukaite, Jolanta. 2009. "Old welfare state theories and new welfare regimes in Eastern Europe: Challenges and implications," *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 42.1: 23-39.

Recommended:

Jones Luong, Pauline. 2014. "Empowering Local Communities and Enervating the State? Foreign Oil Companies as Public Goods Providers in Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan." In *The*

Politics of Non-state Social Welfare, edited by Melani Cammett and Lauren M. MacLean, 57-75. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Week 4: East Asia

Peng, Ito and Joseph Wong. 2010. "East Asia" in the *Oxford Handbooks of the Welfare State*, edited by Castles et al.

Estevez-Abe, Margarita. 2008. *Welfare and Capitalism in postwar Japan*. New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 77- 101.

Huang, Xian. 2013. "The Politics of Social Welfare Reform in China: Social Welfare Preferences and Reform Policies," *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, Vol.18 (1): 61-85.

Peng, Ito and Joseph Wong. 2008. "Institutions and Institutional Purpose: Continuity and Change in East Asian Social Policy" *Politics & Society*, 36.1: 61-88.

Recommended:

Dillon, Nara. 2015. *Radical Inequalities: China's Revolutionary Welfare State in Comparative Perspective*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Centre.

Goodman, Roger, Gordon White and Huck-Ju Kwon (eds.). 1998. *The East Asian Welfare Model: Welfare Orientalism and the State*. London: Routledge.

Gough, Ian. "East Asia: Limits of productivist regimes," in Ian Gough et al. *Insecurity and Welfare Regimes in Asia, Africa and Latin America*, Cambridge University Press, pp. 169-201

Week 5: South & Southeast Asia

Malesky, Edmund, Regina Abrami, and Yu Zheng. 2011. "Institutions and Inequality in Single-Party Regimes: A Comparative Analysis of Vietnam and China." *Comparative Politics* 43.4: 409-27.

Sadanandan, Anoop. 2012. "Patronage and Decentralization: The Politics of Poverty in India" *Comparative Politics*, 44.2: 211-228.

Davis, Peter. 2004. Chapter 7: "Rethinking the welfare regime approach in the context of Bangladesh" in Ian Gough et al. *Insecurity and Welfare Regimes in Asia, Africa and Latin America*, Cambridge University Press, pp. 255-286.

Recommended:

Ramesh, M., Asher, Mukul G. 2000. *Welfare Capitalism in Southeast Asia Social Security, Health and Education Policies*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Week 5: Europe & North America

Eichengreen, Barry. 1997. Institutions and Economic Growth: Europe after World War II. In Crafts, Nicholas and Toniolo, Gianni, eds., *Economic Growth in Europe since World War II*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 38- 72.

Evelyn Huber, and John Stephens. "Postindustrial Social Policy." In: Beramendi et al., eds. *The Politics of Advanced Capitalism*. Cambridge University Press, 2015.

Julia Lynch. "A Cross-National Perspective on the American Welfare State." In *The Oxford Handbook of U.S. Social Policy*, ed. Béland D, Howard C, and Morgan K. Oxford University Press.

Immergut, Ellen. 1992. The Rules of the Game: The Logic of Health Policy-making in France, Switzerland and Sweden. In Steinmo, Sven, Thelen, Kathleen and Longstreth, Frank eds., *Structuring Politics: Historical Institutionalism in Comparative Analysis*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 57- 89.

Recommended:

Faricy, Christopher G. 2015. Chapter 1 "The politics of social policy in America," in *Welfare for the Wealthy, Parties, Social Spending, and Inequality in the United States*. Cambridge University Press.

Esping-Andersen, Gøsta. 1990. *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Cambridge, MA: Polity Press, pp. 9-34.

Esping-Andersen, Gøsta, and Walter Korpi. 1985. "From Poor Relief towards Institutional Welfare States: The Development of Scandinavian Social Policy in Eriksson, Robert E., ed., *The Scandinavian Model: Welfare States and Welfare Research*, New York: M.E. Sharpe, pp. 39- 74

Week 6: Middle East & Africa

Cammett, Melani. 2014. "Sectarian Politics and Social Welfare: Non-state Provision in Lebanon." In *The Politics of Non-state Social Welfare*, edited by Melani Cammett and Lauren M. MacLean, 137-155. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Harris, Kevan. 2013. Chapter 3: "A martyrs' welfare state and its contradictions: regime resilience and limits through the lens of social policy in Iran" in Steven Heydemann and Reinoud

Leenders eds. *Middle East Authoritarianisms: Governance, Contestation, and Regime Resilience in Syria and Iran*. Stanford University Press, pp. 61-80.

Bevan, Philippa. 2004. Chapter 6: "The dynamics of Africa's in/security regimes" in Ian Gough et al. *Insecurity and Welfare Regimes in Asia, Africa and Latin America*, Cambridge University Press, pp. 202-249.

Allison Goebel (2011) "'Our Struggle is for the Full Loaf': Protests, Social Welfare and Gendered Citizenship in South Africa", *Journal of Southern African Studies* 37(2), pp. 369-388.

Recommended:

"How Africa is creating welfare states: Africa is stitching together social safety-nets even though it is still poor" in *The Economist*, Feb 21, 2019.

Week 6 Conclusion

Huber, E., J. D. Stephens, D. Bradley, S. Moller, and F. Nielsen. 2009. "The Politics of Women's Economic Independence," *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society* 16.1: 1-39.

Orloff, Ann Shola. 1993. "Gender and the Social Rights of Citizenship: The Comparative Analysis of Gender Relations and Welfare States." *American Sociological Review* 58.3: 303-328.

Pierson, P. 2000. "Three worlds of welfare state research," *Comparative Political Studies* 33. (6-7): 791-821.