

		Social Policy			
		Type	Semester	ECTS	Code
		Elective (E)	I	5	
Course Lecturer					
Aims and Objectives	<p>The course aims to introduce the students with the concept and the models of social policy across developed and developing welfare states, including in the area of South-Eastern Europe. The objectives of the course are to provide main references, theoretical arguments and study approaches concerning social policy in varieties of welfare states, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Institutional design of social policies - labour policy, social transfers, taxes, social services, and housing policy; - The causes of policies - political parties, other local and international organisations, individuals, social structures; - The outcomes of policies - their impact in poverty and inequality reduction (redistribution), in social stratification, in enhancing social solidarity, supporting life satisfaction, citizenship, (de)democratisation etc. 				
Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand main arguments explaining social policy in varieties of welfare states in Power Resource Theory and related theories of democratic conflict, Institutional Theory, Citizenship Theory, Nation-building Theory etc. - Distinguish typical socialist, residual-liberal, Bismarckian (conservative), and social-democratic welfare state policies in real world analysis and make sense of their mixtures, meanings, goals, agencies behind them, and results; - Analyse the institutional change and continuities and their politics from the historical and comparative perspectives used in the class; - Analyse outcomes of policies; - Create a specific knowledge on the social policy trajectories in Europe and the world since the fall of the Berlin wall, including from the global social policy perspectives. 				
Course Content	Course Plan				Week
	Presentation of the syllabus, and an introduction to the course based on the work of G. Esping-Andersen, W. Korpi, T.H. Marshall and R. Titmuss; The conceptual aspect of social policies;				1
	Social policy designs in main welfare state models				2
	The effects of globalization on social policies				3
	Labour policy and industrial relations				4
	Social insurance, private and government financed social transfers				5
	Social services				6
	Taxes				7
	Causes: International organisations, individuals, social structures, and				8
	Outcomes: Varieties of poverty				9
	Outcomes: Inequality				10
	Outcomes: Life-satisfaction, social rights of citizenship, democratisation etc.				11
	Case study: Kosovo				12
Teaching/Learning Methods	Teaching/Learning Activity				Weight (%)
	1. Lectures				15%
	2. Homework				15%
	3. Discussions/Critique				15%
	4. Final essay				50%
	5. Final essay defence				5%

	Assessment Activity	Number	Week	Weight (%)
Assessment Methods	1. Homework reviews & class work	Regular	1-12	50%
	2. Final essay	1	13-14	50%
	Resources	Number		
Course resources	1. Literature	Multiple		
	2. Base data	Multiple		
	3. Software - Stata	1		
	4. Projector	1		
	Activity	Weekly hrs	Total workload	
ECTS Workload	1. Lectures and discussions	2	30	
	2. Method work	1	15	
	3. Homework, homework review and final essay	$\frac{3}{4}$	50	
	4. Homework and essay presentations	$\frac{1}{2}$	30	

Selected chapters from the following classic books:

1. G. Esping-Andersen, *The three worlds of welfare capitalism* (Polity Press, 1990);
2. W. Korpi, *The Democratic class struggle* (Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1983)
3. R. Titmuss, *Social Policy* (George Allen & Unwin, 1974)
4. T. H. Marshall, *Citizenship and social class* (Cambridge University Press, 1950).
5. H. Wilensky H, *The welfare state and equality* (University of California Press, 1975)

Selected chapters from the following more recent books:

1. J. Mahoney and K. Thelen, *Explaining Institutional Change: Ambiguity, Agency and Power* (Cambridge University Press, 2010).
2. W. Streeck and K. Thelen K, *Beyond continuity: institutional change in advanced political economies* (Oxford University Press, 2005)
3. L. Kenworthy, *Jobs with equality* (Oxford University Press, 2008);
4. F.C. Castles, S. Liebfried S, J. L. Obinger, Ch. Pierson (eds), *Oxford handbook of the welfare state*, 671-686. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
5. E. Huber and J. D. Stephens, *Democracy and the left: Social policy and inequality in Latin America* (The University of Chicago Press, 2012).
7. B. Deacon and P. Stubbs P (eds), *Social policy and international interventions in South East Europe* (Edward Elgar, 2007)
8. T. Ingot, *Welfare states in East Central Europe, 1919-2004*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008)
9. K. Schubert, P. de Villota, J. Kuhlmann (eds), *Challenges to European welfare systems* (Springer, 2016).
10. L. Haney, *Inventing the needy: Gender and the politics of welfare in Hungary* (University of California Press, 2002)
11. M. Stambolieva, *Welfare state transformation in the Yugoslav successor states: From social to unequal* (Routledge, 2016)
12. F. Cocozzelli, *War and social welfare* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2009).
13. Elona Dhembo dhe Irida Agolli, "Politikat sociale dhe mirëqenia sociale", Alb Papaer, Tiranë, 2010
14. Giddens, Anthony: *Pasojat e modernitetit*, UET, Tiranë, 2015.
15. Arlinda Ymeraj, *Politikat publike të mirëqenies sociale-Shqipëria 2019*, Uetpress, 2020.
16. Walter Laqueur: *Evropa në kohën tonë 1945-1992*, Dituria, Tiranë, 1996.

Selected journal articles:

1. W. Korpi dhe J. 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
2. P. Pierson (1996) The new politics of the welfare state. *World Politics*, 48(2), 143-179.
3. P. Pierson (1998) Irresistible forces, immovable objects: Post-industrial welfare states confront permanent austerity. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 5(4), 539-560.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. P. Pierson (2002) Coping with permanent austerity: Welfare state restructuring in affluent democracies. <i>Revue française de sociologie</i>, 43(2), 369-406.5. B. Deacon (2000), Eastern European welfare states: the impact of the politics of globalization, <i>Journal of European Social Policy</i>, 10(2), 146-161.6. B. Deacon and M. Hulse (1997), The Making of Post-communist Social Policy: The Role of International Agencies, <i>Journal of Social Policy</i>, 26(1), 43-62.7. A. Mustafa (2019), Kosovo's social policy during self-management, UNMIK and independence: persisting high inequality and social exclusion, <i>International Journal of Social Welfare</i>
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