

SPL 510: Politics of Care in a Comparative Perspective

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Care is an indispensable component of human well-being through childhood, adulthood and old age. Care is embedded in a network of relations in our society and care arrangements among the state, family and the market are part of the public policy. *Care as a political ideal*, suggested by feminist scholars provides a conceptual and also a political framework to problematize the inequalities and injustices that are embedded in the public-private divide, and the failure of public institutions in meeting care needs of its citizens. There is an extensive body of knowledge on care developed particularly by the feminist researchers since the 80s. Since then, care has emerged as a critical concept in gender analysis of the welfare regimes. The care policies as part of a larger social policy framework has been analysed as significant determinants of the welfare model of a country.

This course deals with the politics of care from a comparative perspective. The conceptualization of care; the gendered critique of the welfare state with a special focus on care policies; the care regimes are examined from a cross-national perspective. The care policies in Turkey targeting children, elderly, and disabled are explored within a comparative framework.

Course evaluation is based on the final paper-%70 (4000-5000 words, presented in class before being submitted in written form), presentation of the paper-%10, and 2 response papers-%20 submitted through the course.

Response paper (1) due to March 2

Response paper (2) due to March 23

Student presentations May 4, 11

Final paper due to May 29

Course Outline

I. Introduction (February 9)

Why Care Matters?

II. Conceptualization of Care (February 16)

Leira, A. and Saraceno, C. (2002), 'Care: Actors, Relationships and Contexts' in Hobson, B., J. Lewis and B. Siim (eds.) *Contested Concepts in Gender and Social Politics*, Cheltenham: Edwards Elgar Publishing Limited.

Daly, M. (2002), 'Care as a Good for Social Policy', *Journal of Social Policy*, 31 (2): 251-70.

Daly, M. and Lewis, J. (2000), 'The Concept of Social Care and the Analysis of Contemporary Welfare States', *British Journal of Sociology*, 51(2): 281-298.

(optional reading)

III. Gender and the Caring Dimension of the Welfare State (February 23)

Knijn, T. and Kremer, M. (1997), 'Gender and the Caring Dimension of the Welfare States: Towards Inclusive Citizenship.' *Social Politics*, 4(1): 328-362.

Lewis, J. (1997), 'Gender and Welfare Regimes: Further Thoughts', *Social Politics*, Summer:160-207.

Pfau-Effinger, B. (2012), 'Welfare State Policies and the Development of Care Arrangements', *European Societies*, 7(2): 321-347.

Response paper submission (March 2)

IV. Care Regimes in Comparative Perspective

Care Regimes in Europe (March 2)

Bettio, F. and Platenga, J. (2004), 'Comparing Care Regimes in Europe', *Feminist Economics*, 10(1): 85-113

Rostgaard, T. (2010) 'Caring for Children and Older People in Europe: A Comparison of European Policies and Practice', *Policy Studies*, 23(1): 51-68.

Brennan D., Cass B., Himmelweit, S. and Szebehely, M. (2012), 'The Marketisation of Care: Rationales and Consequences in Nordic and Liberal Care Regimes', *Journal of European Social Policy*, 22(4): 377-391.

Mediterranean (Familialist) Models of Care Regimes (March 9)

Leitner, S. (2010), 'Varieties of Familialism: The Caring Function of the Family in Comparative Perspective', *European Societies*, 5(4):353-375.

Saraceno, C. (2010), 'Social Inequalities in Facing Old-age Dependency: A Bi-Generational Perspective' *Journal of European Social Policy*, 20(1):32-44.

Other Models of Care Regimes (March 16)

Razavi, S. and Staab, S. (2008), 'Care Regimes in Developing Countries' in Razavi S. and Staab S. (eds.) *The Social and Political Economy of Care: Contesting Gender and Class Inequalities*, Geneva: UNRISD.

Ochiai, E. (2009), 'Care Diamonds and Welfare Regimes in East and South-East Asian Societies: Bridging Family and Welfare Sociology', *International Journal of Japanese Society*, 18 (1):60-78.

Lopreite D. and Macdonald L. (2013), 'Gender and Latin American Welfare Regimes: Early Childhood Education and Care Policies in Argentina and Mexico', *Social Politics*, 21(1):80-102.

Response Paper submission (March 23)

V. Emerging Issues and Care (March 23)

Aging and Elderly Care

Saraceno, C. (ed.) (2008) *Families, Ageing and Social Policy: Intergenerational Solidarity in European Welfare States*, Cheltenham, UK & Northampton, MA, USA: Edward Elgar Publishing,

Work and Family Reconciliation

Van der Lippe, T., Annet J. and Yvonne K. (2006), 'Work-family balance in European countries' *Acta Sociologica*, 49(3): 303–319.

VI. Analysis of Care Policies in Turkey

-Preschool Education and Child Care (March 30)

Ecevit, Y. (2012), 'Feminist Sosyal Politika Bağlamında Türkiye'de Çocuk Bakımı ve Eğitimine iki Paradigmadan Doğru Bakmak' A. Makal ve G. Toksöz(derl.) içinde *Geçmişten Günümüze Türkiye'de Kadın Emeği*, Ankara: Ankara Üniversitesi Yayın Evi.

World Bank (2015) *Supply and Demand for Child Care Services in Turkey*, Report No.98884-TR. Washington D.C. The World Bank.

İlkkaracan I, Kijong K. and Kaya T. (2015), The Impact of Public Investment in Social Care Services on Employment, Gender Equality and Poverty: The Turkish Case (<http://www.tr.undp.org/content/dam/turkey/docs/povreddoc/rapor-son-eng..pdf>)

- Elderly and Disability Care (April 6)

Yılmaz V. (2011), *The Political Economy of Disability Care in Turkey: Disability and Social Policy Reform in Turkey*, UK: Lambert Publishing.

Altuntaş B. ve Topçuoğlu R. A. (2016), *Engelli Bakımı: Sosyal Bakım ve Kadın Emeği*, Ankara: Nika Yayınevi.

VII. Transnational Aspects of Care (April 13)

Williams, F. (2010), 'Migration and Care: Themes, Concepts and Challenges' *Social Policy and Society*, 9(3): 385-396.

Akalın, A. (2007), 'Hired as a Caregiver, Demanded as a Housewife : Becoming a Migrant Domestic Worker in Turkey' *European Journal of Women's Studies* 14(3): 209-225

Spring break (April 17-23)

VIII. Further Thoughts on Care (April 27)

Sevenhuijsen, S. (2003), 'The place of care: the relevance of the feminist ethic of care for social policy' *Feminist Theory*, 4 (2): 179-197.

White, J. and Tronto, J. (2004), 'Political Practices of Care: Needs and Rights' *Ratio Juris*, 17(4): 425-453.

Student Presentations (May 4, May 11)

Documentary and Discussion (May 18)

Submission of the final paper (deadline May 29)

