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The emphasis of social citizenship rights is in many ways a unique feature of European approaches to problems of poverty and social exclusion. Yet, in the current context of neoliberal globalisation, there is a lot of controversy around the meaning and significance of the concept of “social Europe”. This course covers the key social policy questions that emerge in this setting. These questions pertain to the nature of contemporary socioeconomic challenges to the welfare state and the types of policy response to these challenges. They also include the unity and diversity of the European institutional setting of social policy and the implications of European enlargement on old and new member states.

Course evaluation will be based on one take-home examination and a paper of about 15 pages long. Papers may be on a specific area of social policy such as health policy, pension system, housing, labor market regulation or social assistance. Problems of and policies directed at vulnerable groups, i.e. children, elderly, disabled, socially disadvantaged minorities or gender related social policy questions, too, are among relevant paper topics. Papers may address the EU level problems and policies as they may deal with country case studies in a comparative perspective. Class attendance and participation will also affect course evaluation.

Office hours: Thursday 10-12 a.m.

COURSE OUTLINE

I. Introduction (week 1)

II. “Europe as a Way of Life” (week 2)

T. Judt, *Postwar: A History of Europe since 1945*, London: Random house, 2005, pp 63-99; 777-800.

III. “Social Europe”: Foundations and Limitations (week 3)

D.Venieris, “Understanding European Social Policy: The European Social Charter of the Council of Europe”, ESPAnet Conference, Changing European Societies-The Role for Social Policy, 13-15 November 2003.

B.Bercusson et al., “A Manifesto for Social Europe”, *European Law Journal*, v.3, n. 2, June 1997.

A. Gray, *Unsocial Europe*, London: Pluto Press, 2004, pp. 54-80.

B. Harvey, “The Development and the Current Context for EU Anti-Poverty and

Inclusion Policies” in European Anti Poverty Network (EAPN), *The EU We Want*, 2005, pp. 9-16.

IV. Diversity in European Social Policy Environment (week 4)

G. Esping-Andersen, *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1990; pp.18-54; 230-243.

M.Ferrera, “The ‘Southern Model’ of Welfare in Social Europe”, *Journal of European Social Policy*, v. 6, n.1, 1996, pp. 17-37.

V. New Challenges to European Social Policy Environment (week 5)

G. Esping-Andersen, *Social Foundations of Post-Industrial Societies*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999, pp. 15-31; 230-243.

A. Gray (2004), pp. 34-53.

VI. Work and Poverty in Europe: New Realities (week 6)

P. Ploughman, “Internationalisation and the Labour Market of the European Union”, J.G.Andersen and P.H.Jensen, *Changing Labour Markets, Welfare Policies and Citizenship*, Bristol: The Policy Press, 2002, pp. 15-38.

V. Forest, “Selected Statistics on Poverty and Social Exclusion in the EU,” EAPN (2005), pp. 17-25.

Z. Ferge, “What is Happening to Poverty? Uncertainty of Poverty Measures- Challenges of ‘Postmodernity’, EAPN (2005), pp. 26- 37.

Eurostat, “In-Work Poverty”, *Statistics in Focus: Population and Social Conditions*, 5/2005.

VII. Policy Response to New Challenges (week 7)

P. Diamond, “Social Justice Reinterpreted: New Frontiers for the European Welfare State”, A. Giddens, P.Diamond and R.Liddle (eds.), *Global Europe, Social Europe*, Cambridge: Polity Press, 2006, pp. 172-192.

A. Gray (2004), pp. 81- 111; 160-188.

G. Standing, “Labor Re-Commodification in the Global Transformation”, A. Bugra and K. Agartan (eds.), *Reading Karl Polanyi for the 21st Century: Market Economy as a Political Project*, Palgrave, forthcoming.

VIII. What Happened to the Welfare State? (week 8)

P. Pierson, “The New Politics of the Welfare State”, *World Politics*, v. 48, n.2, 1996, pp. 143-79.

F.G.Castles, "On the Political Economy of Recent Public Sector Development", *Journal of European Social Policy*, v. 11, n.3, 2001, pp. 195-211.

Bode, "Disorganized Welfare Mixes: Voluntary Agencies and New Governance Regimes in Western Europe", *Journal of European Social Policy*, 16, n. 4, 2006 pp. 346-359.

IX. EU Enlargement and Its Implications for Old and New Member States: Southern Europe (week 9)

A. Guillen and B. Palier, "Introduction: Does Europe Matter? Accession to EU and Social Policy Developments in Recent and New Member States", *Journal of European Social Policy*, v. 14, n. 3, 2004, pp. 203-209.

D.A. Sotiropoulos, "The EU's Impact on the Greek Welfare State: Europeanization on Paper?", *Journal of European Social Policy*, v. 14, n. 3, 2004, pp. 267-284.

A. Guillen, "The EU's Impact on the Spanish Welfare State: The Role of Cognitive Europeanization", *Journal of European Social Policy*, v. 14, n. 3, 2004, pp. 285-299.

X. EU Enlargement and Its Implications for Old and New Member States: East-Central Europe (week 10)

N. Manning, "Diversity and Change in Pre-Accession Central and eastern Europe since 1989", *Journal of European Social Policy*, v. 14, n. 3, 2004, pp. 211-232.

Z. Ferge and G. Juhasz, "Accession and Social Policy": The Case of Hungary", *Journal of European Social Policy*, v. 14, n. 3, 2004, pp.233-251.

Weeks 11-13: Student Presentations