

SPL 501: Theories of Social Policy

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This course approaches social policy as a response to the problems of social co-existence in complex modern societies. Rather than dealing with particular policy areas (such as health, pensions, labor market regulation) or the problems specific to vulnerable groups (such as the disabled, disadvantaged ethnic minorities or the LGBT people), the course engages with broader questions of social justice and solidarity which inform different approaches to social policy. Some seminal theoretical contributions to the analysis of the relations between human nature and social order, politics and markets, class and equality or rights and needs are discussed mainly in the context of historically changing attempts at institution building and in their contemporary relevance to the challenges introduced by globalization to the previously existing forms of social solidarity in all countries.

Course evaluation is based on a) three short (not longer than three double-spaced pages) response papers summarizing and discussing the reading for three weeks of the term (your choice), and b) a take-home final examination. Contribution to class discussions around the required readings is important.

Office hours: Wednesday 14:30-16:00, Social Policy Forum (North Campus, *kuzey park binası*) or by appointment

COURSE OUTLINE

Introduction (week 1)

Early Capitalism and the Rise of New Poverty: Origins of Modern Social Policy in Preindustrial Europe (week 2)

B. Geremek, *Poverty: A History*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1997, pp. 102- 131.

Fox-Piven and Cloward, *Regulating the Poor: The Functions of Public Welfare*, New York: Vintage Books, 1993, pp. 3-42.

“Free Labour and Work in Industrial Society (week 3)

Karl Marx, *Capital*, 1974, volume 1, pp. 252-286 and 385-421.

Views on Human Nature and Social Cohesion in an Industrial Society (week 4)

Adam Smith (1759), *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*, Indianapolis: Liberty Classics, 1976, pp. 9-13; 50-66; 78-91; 134-145; 179-187.

Adam Smith (1776), *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations*, Indianapolis: Liberty Classics, 1976, vol. 1: pp. 25-30; vol 2: pp. 687-8; pp. 781-788.

K. Polanyi, *The Great Transformation*, Boston: Beacon Press, 1944, pp. 45-58; 71-80; 136-157; 257-268.

To the Welfare State (week 5)

Asa Briggs, “The Welfare State in Historical Perspective”, *Archives Européennes de Sociologie*, II (1961), pp. 221-258.

T. H. Marshall, “Citizenship and Social Class” in *Essays by T. H. Marshall*, New York: Anchor Books, 1965, pp. 71-134.

W. Korpi, “The Power Resources Model” in C. Pierson and F. Castles (eds.), *The Welfare State Reader*, Cambridge: Polity, 2006, pp. 76-87.

Perspectives on distributive justice (week 6)

J. Rawls, “Justice as Fairness in the Liberal Polity” in G. Shafir (ed.), *The Citizenship Debates: A Reader*, Minneapolis and London: University of Minnesota Press, 1998, pp. 53-72.

A. Sen, *Development as Freedom*, New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1999, “Freedom and the Foundations of Justice (ch.3, pp. 54-86) and “Poverty as Capability Deprivation” (ch. 4, pp. 87- 110).

Critical perspectives on distributive justice (week 7)

A. de Tocqueville, *Memoir on Pauperism*, Chicago: Ivan R. Dee, 1997, pp. 51-72.

F. von Hayek, *The Constitution of Liberty*, London: Routledge, 1960, pp. 85-102; 251-266; 285- 323.

C. Murray, “The Two Wars against Poverty” in C. Pierson and F. Castles (eds.), *The Welfare State Reader*, Cambridge: Polity, 2006, pp. 96- 106.

Universalism and Beyond: Gender Perspectives (week 8)

R. M. Titmuss, *The Gift Relationship: From Human Blood to Social Policy*, New York: The New Press, 1997, pp. 57-60; 276-345.

R.M. Titmuss, “Universalism versus Selection” in C. Pierson and F. Castles (eds.), *The Welfare State Reader*, Cambridge: Polity, 2006, pp. 40-47.

M. Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, New York: Dover Publications, 1996 (originally published 1792): Introduction (pp. 1-11); “Observations on the state of degradation to which woman is reduced for various causes” (chapter IV, pp. 109-169); “On national education” (chapter XII, pp. 361-413).

R. Lister, *Citizenship: Feminist Perspectives*, Palgrave MacMillan, 2003, chapters 3 and 4, pp. 68-142.

G. Esping Andersen, *The Incomplete Revolution: Adapting to Women’s New Roles*, Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 2009, Introduction.

Changing World of Labour, Social Exclusion and New Forms of Welfare Governance (week 9)

W. Beveridge, *Full Employment in a Free Society*, London: George Allen and Unwin, 1944, pp. 11-23.

G. Standing, *The Precariat: The New Dangerous Class*, London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2011, pp. vii-viii; 1-25.

A. B. Atkinson, “Social Exclusion, Poverty and Unemployment” in A. B. Atkinson and J. Hills (eds.), *Exclusion, Employment and Opportunity*, Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion, London School of Economics, January 1998, pp. 1-20.

Social Policy in Countries without Mature Welfare States (week 10)

G. Wood and I. Gough, “A Comparative Welfare Regime Approach to Global Social Policy”, *World Development*, v. 34, n. 4, 2006, pp. 1696-1712.

J. Hanlon, A. Barrientos, D. Hulme, *Just Give Money to the Poor: The Development Revolution from the South*, Kumarian Press, 2010, pp. 15-51; 165-181.

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

A. de Haan and S. Maxwell, "Poverty and Social Exclusion in the North and South", *IDS Bulletin*, v.29, n.1, 1998 (reprinted in *IDS Bulletin*, v.48, n. 1A, 2017).

Social Policy in the Contemporary Global Economy (week 11)

B. Jessop, "The Changing Governance of Welfare: Recent Trends in Primary Functions, Scale, and Modes of Coordination", *Social Policy and Administration*, v. 33, n. 4, 1999, pp. 348-359.

P. Townsend, "Poverty, Social Exclusion and Social Polarisation: The Need to Construct an International Welfare State" in P. Townsend and D. Gordon (eds.), *World Poverty: New Policies to Defeat and Old Enemy*, Bristol: Policy Press, 2002, pp. 3-24.

I. Gough, "Universal Basic Services: A Theoretical and Moral Framework", *The Political Quarterly*, 2019.

Ş. Benhabib, *The Rights of Others: Aliens, Residents and Citizens*, Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2004, pp. 213-221.

Contemporary problems and useful utopias (week 12)

T. Piketty, *Capital in the 21st Century*, Cambridge, Mass: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2014, pp.471-539.

C. Pateman, "Democratizing Citizenship: Some Advantages of Basic Income", *Politics and Society*, 32 (1), 2004, pp. 89-105.

Erik Olin Wright, "Basic Income, Stakeholder Grants, and Class Analysis" in B. Ackerman, A. Alstott, P. Van Parijs (eds.), *Redesigning Distribution: Basic Income and Stakeholder Grants as Alternative Cornerstones for a more Egalitarian Capitalism*, The Real Utopias Project Volume V, 2003, pp. 75-82.

General Discussion (week 13)