



SPL 512: Gender and Social Policy

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Course description

In the last two decades, feminist critique of the welfare state analysis has made gender a central element of the social policy studies. A rich literature on gender, social policy, and welfare states both in the North and the South dealt with numerous aspects of gender relations including work/family balance, commodification/de-commodification of care, familialism/ de-familization, global care chains and other pressing issues that determine the life chances of women in different welfare contexts. The social policy analysis from a gender perspective has widened the focus of social policy in understanding the contested yet changing institutional framework of the state, the market, and the family.

This course introduces feminist theoretical framework and the empirical explorations of a variety of key topics for thinking about social policy and welfare change. The course aims to provide an understanding of the varying ways in which welfare states have addressed contested gender issues, but also the political forces that have shaped these responses in a global context. The course equips the students with an understanding of the key concepts like citizenship, work and care with a focus on the gender inequalities in different contexts and social policy's role in overcoming multifaceted/intersectional inequalities that also include categories of class, race, LGBT, migration background, other.

Requirements

This course is designed as a colloquium to think, discuss and write critically about a range of issues related to gender and social policy in a global context. Students are expected to read the assigned readings for each week and come to class prepared. Participation in the class will have an impact on the final grade. The last two course meetings are reserved for student presentations of the draft of their final paper. Other students are required to participate in these classes and provide feedback to the presenter. Course evaluation is based on two response papers-%20 and the final paper-%80 (4000-6000 words, presented in class before being submitted in written form). The final paper could be on a topic of the student's choice related to the course material and approved by the instructor. The two response papers provided throughout the course could lead up to the completion of the draft of the final paper.

1st Response paper is due **October 22**

2nd Response paper is due **November 19**

The final paper is due no later than **January 3, 2020**

Reading list

Introduction (*week 1-September 24*)

Hawkesworth A. (1994) Policy Studies within a Feminist Frame, *Policy Sciences* 27 (2-3): 97-118.

Gender and Social Policy in a Global Context (*week 2-October 1*)

Hassim S. and Razavi S. (2006) Gender and Social Policy in a Global Context: Uncovering the Gendered Structure of the 'Social' in S. Hassim and S. Razavi (eds.) *Gender and Social Policy in a Global Context*, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.

Gender Equality and the Welfare State (*week 3-October 8*)

Theoretical and Methodological Reflections

Fraser N. (1994) After the Family Wage: Gender Equity and the Welfare State, *Political Theory* 22(4): 591-618.

Williams F. (2018) Intersectionality, Gender and Social Policy in S. Shaver (eds.) *Handbook on Gender and Social Policy*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

Gendering Welfare State Analysis (week 4-October 15)

Orloff A. S. (1993) Gender and the Social Rights of Citizenship: The Comparative Analysis of Gender Relations and Welfare States. *American Sociological Review* 58(3): 303–28.

Lewis J. (1992) Gender and the Development of Welfare Regimes. *Journal of European Social Policy* 2(3): 159–73.

Further Readings

Korpi W. (2000) Faces of Inequality: Gender, Class, and Patterns of Inequalities in Different Types of Welfare States, *Social Politics* 7(2):127-191.

Orloff, A. (2009) Gendering the Comparative Study of the Welfare State: An Unfinished Agenda. *Sociological Theory* 27(3): 317-343

Gender and the Welfare Regimes (week 5-October 22)

From male breadwinner model to adult-worker model

Lewis J. (2001) The Decline of the Male Breadwinner Model: The Implications for Work and Care, *Social Politics* 8 (2) :152-170.

Daly M. (2011) What Adult Worker Model? A Critical Look at Recent Social Policy Reform in Europe from a Gender and Family perspective, *Social Politics* 18(1): 1-23.

Further reading

Morgan K. (2008) The Political Path to a Dual Earner/Dual Carer Society: Pitfalls and Possibilities, *Politics & Society* 36 (3): 403-420.

Gender and the Welfare Regimes (week 6&7 October 29, November 5)

Work/family balance and care in different contexts

Mahon R. (2002) Child Care: Toward What Kind of Social Europe?, *Social Politics* 9(3): 343-379.

Molyneux M. (2006) Mothers at the Service of the New Poverty Agenda: The PROGRESA/Oportunidades Programme in Mexico in S. Hassim and S. Razavi (eds.) *Gender and Social Policy in a Global Context*, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.

Button K., Moore E. and Seekings J. (2018) South Africa's Hybrid Care Regime: The Changing and Contested Roles of Individuals, Families and the State after Apartheid, *Current Sociology* 66(4) 602– 616

Peng I. (2012) Social and Political Economy of Care in Japan and South Korea, *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy* 32(11/12): 636–649.

Gender and Social Policy in Turkey (week 8-November 12)

Dedeoğlu S. (2013) Veiled Europeanisation of Welfare State in Turkey: Gender and Social Policy in the 2000s, *Women's Studies International Forum* 41:7-13.

Candaş A. and Silier Y. (2014). Quietly Reverting Public Matters into Private Troubles: Gendered and Class-based Consequences of Care Policies in Turkey, *Social Politics* 21 (1): 103–23.

Further Readings

Buğra A. and Yakut-Çakar B. (2010) Structural Change, the Social Policy Environment and Female Employment in Turkey, *Development and Change* 41 (3):517–38.

Akkan B. (2018) The Politics of Care in Turkey: Sacred Familialism in a Changing Political Context, *Social Politics* 25 (1):72–91.

Gender, Heteronormative Critique and Social Policy (week 9-November 19)

Le Feuvre N. and Roseneil S. (2014) Entanglements of Economic and Intimate Citizenship: Individualization and Gender (In)Equality in a Changing Europe, *Social Politics* 21 (4): 529–561.

Faur E. (2018) Contrasting Trends in Gender and Childcare in Argentina: Family Policies between LGBT Rights and Maternalism, *Current Sociology* 66(4):617– 628.

Gender and Aging (week 10-November 26)

Stark A., Folbre N., Shaw L., Smeeding T., Sandström S., Lee S. and Chung K. (2005) Explorations Gender and Aging: Cross-National Contrasts, *Feminist Economics*, 11:2, 163-197

Loretto W. and Vickerstaff S. (2015) Gender, Age and Flexible Working in Later Life, *Work, Employment and Society* 29(2) 233–249.

Gender and Migration (week 11-December 3)

Hochschild A. (2012) Global Care Chains: A State-of-the-art Review and Future Directions in Care Transnationalization Research, *Global Networks* 12 (2): 135–54.

Lutz H. (2018) Care Migration: The Connectivity between Care Chains, Care Circulation and Transnational Social Inequality, *Current Sociology* 66(4) 577–589.

Student Presentations (week 12& 13-December 10 & 17)