

Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg

Professur für Politikwissenschaft, insb. international vergleichende Politikfeldanalyse

PWM-PF-HS2 Hauptseminar Politikfeldanalyse IV:

History of Political Thought and the Welfare State, 19th-21st Centuries

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Description: PWM-PF-HS4: Master's Seminar Policy Analysis IV

Hours and Room: Mo 14:00 - 16:00, [F21/03.03](#)

Credits: 8

Evaluation and Workload: Students are expected to read the documents and chapters assigned for each class to actively participate in the course. Depending on the number of students, the evaluation will consist of:

Presentation of the assigned readings, i.e., summary, research questions, critical analysis, in-class discussion (30% of the final grade);

Short research paper (8,000 words) on the topics studied in class (70% of the final grade).

Language of the Course: English

Short Description

The seminar discusses the evolution of the welfare state from the point of view of the history of political thought from the second half of the 19th century to the most recent developments. It aims to frame the changing political and ideological paradigms concerning social policy within the context of the wider political, socio-economic, and global transitions. The first part will study the early attempts to address the social issues from 1870 to 1914, by focusing on the most significant schools of thought, i.e., liberalism, socialism, conservatism. The second part will dwell on the changes and competitions between social ideas between the two world wars, with a focus on the comparison between liberal, fascist and communist ideas and policies. The third part will assess the ideological views on welfare state during the so-called “Golden Age”, the neo-Liberal turn, and the post-1989 debate, particularly emphasising the current trends within the EU countries.

Suggested Readings

Julia Moses, “Social Policy, Welfare, and Social Identities, 1900–1950”, in *The Oxford Handbook of European History, 1914-1945*, edited by N. Doumanis (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015): 323-342.

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| 17.10.2022 | 1. Introduction: Presentation of the Course, Reading List, Exam |
| 24.10.2022 | 2. From the “embedded” economy to capitalism: cultural and social changes
<u>Readings:</u>
E.P. Thompson, “The Moral Economy of the English Crowd in the Eighteenth Century”, <i>Past & Present</i> , 50 (1971): 76-136. |
| 02.11.2022 | 3. The Industrial Revolution and the “New Liberalism” in Britain, 1850s-1910
<u>Readings:</u>
A. Toynbee, <i>The Industrial Revolution</i> (Boston: The Beacon Press, 1956. I. ed 1884): 58-78 and 111-126. |
| 07.11.2022 | 4. The “Socialists of the Chair” and social reforms in Germany, 1860s-1910s |

Readings:

A. Ashley, *The Social Policy of Bismarck* (London: Longman, 1912): 1-29 and 38-70.

14.11.2022 5. The Welfare Liberal Reforms, war and the quest for national efficiency, 1900s-1920s

Readings:

R.J. Scally, *The Origins of the Lloyd George Coalition. The Politics of Social Imperialism* (Princeton, Princeton University Press, 1975): 73-95.

E.P. Hennock, "The Origins of British National Insurance and the German Precedent 1880-1914", in *The Emergence of the Welfare State in Britain and Germany 1850-1950*, edited by J.W. Mommsen (London: Croom Helm, 1981): 84-106.

21.11.2022 6. The ILO and the internationalisation of social policy after the Great War, 1918-1939

Readings:

S. Kott, "Constructing a European Social Model: The Fight for Social Insurance in the Interwar Period", in *ILO Histories. Essays on the International Labour Organization and its impact on the world during the twentieth Century*, eds. J. Van Daele, M. Rodriguez-Garcia, Geert van Goethem, M. Van der Linden (Bern: Peter Lang, 2010): 173-195.

Limin Teh, "The International Labour Organization and the Labour Question in Republican China, 1919-1938", in *The Internationalisation of the Labour Question. Ideological Antagonism, Workers' Movements and the ILO since 1919* (London: Palgrave, 2020): 279-300.

28.11.2022 7. A fascist model of social policy? Ideas and policies on the world stage, 1930s

Readings:

N. Götz, K. K. Patel, "Facing the Fascist Model: Discourse and the Construction of Labour Services in the USA and Sweden in the 1930s and 1940s", *Journal of Contemporary History*, 1 (2006): 57-73.

S. Gallo, 'Dictatorship and International Organizations: The ILO as a 'Test Ground' for Fascism', *Globalizing Social Rights*, eds. S. Kott, J. Droux (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013), pp. 153-71.

05.12.2022 8. The Great Depression as a paradigm shift in social policies, 1930s

Readings:

B. Zdenecanovic, "'Based upon New Principles": Abraham Epstein, the Soviet Union, and the Idea of Social Security in the United States, 1920-1942", *Radical History Review*, 139 (2021): 103-22.

K. Pribram, "Social Insurance in Europe and Social Security in the United States - A Comparative Analysis", *International Labour Review*, (December 1937): 742-771.

12.12.2022 9. The Second World War and the spread of social security, 1939-1945

Readings:

Social Insurance and Allied Services: Report by Sir William Beveridge Presented to Parliament by Command of His Majesty, November 1942, Cmd. 6404 (London: HMSO, 1942) [excerpts].

ILO, *International Labour Conference. Declaration concerning the aims and purposes of the International Labour Organisation, adopted by the Conference at its twenty-sixth session, Philadelphia. 10 May 1944* [excerpts].

- 19.12.2022 10. Welfare State models during the Golden Age: universalist vs corporatist views, 1945-1970s
Readings:
P. Laroque, 'From Social Insurance to Social Security: Evolution in France', *International Labour Review* 58, no. 6 (1948): 565-90.
Richard Titmuss, *Social Policy. An Introduction* (London: George Allen & Unwin, 1974) [excerpts].
- 09.01.2023 11. Neo-Liberalism and the welfare state, 1970s-2000s
Readings:
Milton Friedman, "The Fallacy of the Welfare State" Lecture at Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken, 20 June 1977.
John Williamson, "The Washington Consensus and Beyond", *Economic and Political Weekly*, 38 (15/2003): 1475-1481.
- 16.01.2023 12. European integration and the discourse of the "European social model": myth and reality, 1980s-2010s
Readings:
A. Bitumi, "An uplifting tale of Europe'. Jacques Delors and the contradictory quest for a European social model in the Age of Reagan", *Journal of Transatlantic Studies*, 3 (2018), 203-21.
H. Schulz-Forberg, B. Stråth, *The Political History of European Integration. The hypocrisy of democracy-through-market* (London: Routledge, 2010): 19-68.
- 23.01.2022 13. Closing Session