

Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg

Professur für Politikwissenschaft, insb. international vergleichende Politikfeldanalyse

PWM-PF-HS2 Hauptseminar Politikfeldanalyse II:

History of Social Policy: International Relations, External Actors, Global Transfers

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Description: PWM-PF-HS2: Master's Seminar Policy Analysis II

Hours and Room: Mo 16:00 - 18:00, [FMA/01.19](#)

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 provides a global and transdisciplinary overview of welfare state developments. The first part will focus on the use of methods, theories and interpretations from both history and political sciences. The second part will introduce a general global history of social policies from the early German systems to the post-1989 trends. The third and last part will scrutinise in greater detail a selection of historical case-studies, based on historical documents that entangle international relations, transnational actors, policy transfers. Students will learn general trans-disciplinary methods for the study of social policy, they will reach a general knowledge of the global historical trends of social welfare, and they will get more accustomed to use primary (historical) sources.

Suggested Readings

P. Baldwin, *The Politics of Social Solidarity: Class Bases of the European Welfare State, 1875-1975* (New York: Cambridge University Press, New York, 1990): 1-53.

P. Baldwin, "The Welfare State for Historians. A Review Article", *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 34 (4/1992): 695-707.

17.10.2022 1. Introduction: Presentation of the Course, Reading List, Exam

I. Transdisciplinary Methods

24.10.2022 2. Timing and periodisation: a transdisciplinary view

Readings:

H. Hecló, *Towards a New Welfare State?*, in *The Development of Welfare State in Europe and America*, ed. P. Flora, A.J. Heidenheimer (Transaction Publishers: New Brunswick-London, 1984): 384-406.

02.11.2022 3. Challenges and prospective of the global/transnational history of welfare states I: historiography

Readings:

C. Conrad, "Social policy history after the transnational turn", in *Beyond Welfare State Models. Transnational Historical Perspectives on Social Policy*, eds. P. Kettunen, K. Petersen (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2011): 218-240.

P. Baldwin, "Comparing and Generalizing: Why All History is Comparative, Yet No History is Sociology" in *Comparison and History: Europe in Cross-National and Comparative Perspective*, edited by D. Cohen and M. O'Connor (Londo-New York: Routledge, 2004): 1-22.

07.11.2022 4. Challenges and prospective of the global/transnational history of welfare states II: historiography

Readings:

H. Obinger, C. Schmitt, P. Starke, "Policy Diffusion and Policy Transfer in Comparative Welfare State Research", *Social Policy & Administration*, 1 (2012): 111-129.

D. Béland, G. P. Marchildon, M. Mioni, K. Petersen, "Translating social policy ideas: The Beveridge report, transnational diffusion, and post-war welfare state development in Canada, Denmark, and France", *Social Policy & Administration*, 2 (2022): 315-328.

II. A global history of social policy

14.11.2022 5. Early developments: the Bismarckian system and the British welfare liberal reforms in comparison, 1850s-1910s

Readings:

J. Reulecke, "English Social Policy Around the Middle of the Nineteenth Century as seen by German Social Reformers", in *The Emergence of the Welfare State in Britain and Germany 1850–1950*, ed. J.W. Mommsen (London: Croom Helm, 1981): 32-49.

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*, ed. J.W. Mommsen (London: Croom Helm, 1981): 84-106.

21.11.2022 6. The interwar period: internationalism, competition, mutual learning, 1918-1939

Readings:

K.K. Patel, S. Reichardt, "The Dark Side of Transnationalism Social Engineering and Nazism, 1930s-40s", *Journal of Contemporary History*, 1 (2016): 3-21.

J. Jensen, "From Geneva to the Americas: The International Labor Organization and Inter-American Social Security Standards, 1936-1948", *International Labor and Working-Class History*, 80 (2011): 215-40.

28.11.2022 7. From the Second world war to the early Cold War, 1939-1970s

Readings:

S. Kott, 'Fighting the War or Preparing for Peace? The ILO during the Second World War', *Journal of Modern European History* 12, no.3 (2014): 359-76.

T. Ingot, "Western welfare states watched from the East during the Cold War: Condemnation, competition, and creative learning", *Journal of International and Comparative Social Policy*, 3 (2013): 241-57.

05.12.2022 8. Global social policies and decolonisation, 1945-1970s

Readings:

D. Maul, 'The ILO, Asia and the beginning of Technical Assistance, 1945-1960', in *The ILO from Geneva to the Pacific Rim*, eds. N. Lichtenstein and J. Jensen (London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2016): 110-33.

M. Mioni, K. Petersen, "Cold War Strategies in South East Asia and the Making of Social Security in Burma and Malaysia", *From Colonialism to International Aid: External Actors in Social Protection in the Global South*, ed. C. Schmitt (London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2020): 45-77

12.12.2022 9. The Neo-liberal era: Anglosphere, European Union, Global South

Readings:

A. Bitumi, "For the Soul of Europe. Jacques Delors's Narrative Battle against Reaganomics", *Journal of American History and Politics*, 3 (2020): 127-137.

C. Gore, "The Rise and Fall of the Washington Consensus as a Paradigm for Developing Countries", *World Development*, 28 (5/2000): 789-804.

III. Sources

19.12.2022 10. Global actors of social policy: the International Labour Organisation

Readings:

Part XIII of the Treaty of Peace of Versailles, 1919 [excerpts].

ILO Preparatory Asiatic Regional Conference of the International Labour Organisation, New Delhi 1947. Problems of Social Security. 1st Item on the Agenda (New Delhi: ILO, 1947) [excerpts].

09.01.2023 11. National and international foundations of post-war welfare states

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].

Thomas H. Marshall, *Citizenship and Social Class: And Other Essays* (Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, 1950) [excerpts].

16.01.2023 12. European integration and welfare state: a history in tension?

Readings:

Economic and Social Committee, *Growth, Competitiveness and Employment* (Brussels: European Commission, 1993) [excerpts]

European Pillar of Social Rights (Brussels: EU Publication offices, 2017).

23.01.2022 13. Closing Session