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	Master in Political Science (EU Policy Studies Concentration)
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	TOPICS IN JUSTICE AND SOCIAL POLICY:
	EU SOCIAL POLICY
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Course Description

Social policy is constantly evolving in the European Union and is closely intertwined with other EU policy areas. The main objective of the course is to analyze the development and transformation of European social policy, focusing on different policy domains and considering the high variance among different member states.

The course will approach the following topics:

- introduction to the welfare state concept and social policy;
- analysis of different social policies (degree of Europeanization and differences between member states);
- contemporary challenges and opportunities for EU social policy: the enlargement process; the role of the civil society; privatization and globalization processes.

Aims: the course aims at familiarizing students with European social policy. Students will be required to read papers and articles on different topics, making individual and group presentations and writing a paper. The topic of the final paper will be jointly agreed.

Weekly Schedule

Week One: Introduction

January 12

Brief description

- Mutual presentation, constitution of 3 working groups and description of the course
- Welfare and social policy: Towards a definition
- The historical origin of the Welfare state
- Welfare and social policy in context
- How much Europeanized?

Compulsory readings:

MORENO, L., McEWEN, N., 2005, "Exploring the territorial politics of welfare", in N. McEwen and L. Moreno (eds.), *The territorial politics of Welfare*, London: Routledge, pp. 1-40. [[LIB 361.94 MCE](#)]

HANTRAIS, L., 2007, "The social dimension of the European Union", in *Social policy in the European Union*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 1-20. [[LIB 361.61094 HAN](#)]

TRUBEK, D. M., TRUBEK, L. G., 2005. "The Open Method of Co-Ordination and the Debate over 'Hard' and 'Soft' Law", in J. Zeitlin and P. Pochet (eds.) *The Open Method of Co-Ordination in Action: The European Employment and Social Inclusion Strategies*, Brussels: Presses Interuniversitaires Européenne, pp. 83-103.

FRASER, N., 1998, "Social Justice in the Age of Identity Politics: Redistribution, Recognition, Participation", Discussion paper, FS I 98 – 108: <http://bibliothek.wzb.eu/pdf/1998/i98-108.pdf> [pdf]

Additional readings:

ESPING-ANDERSEN, G., 1990, "The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism", Cambridge, UK: Polity Press. [[LIB 361.9 ESP](#)]

DALY, M., 2006, "EU social policy after Lisbon", in *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Vol. 4:3, pp. 461-81. [[link to the article page](#)]

Week Two

Unemployment and employment policies

January 19

Compulsory readings:

GALLIE, D., and PAUGAM, S., 2000, "The experience of unemployment in Europe: the debate", in D. Gallie and S. Paugam (eds.), *Welfare Regimes and the Experience of Unemployment in Europe*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-22. [[LIB 331.1094 GAL](#)]

GALLIE, D., 2004, "Unemployment, marginalization risks, and welfare policy", in D. Gallie *Resisting marginalization: unemployment experience and social policy in the European Union*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-33. [[LIB 361.61094 GAL](#)]

RODHES, M., 2000, "Employment Policy: Between Efficacy and Experimentation" in H. Wallace and W. Wallace (eds.) *Policy-making in the European Union*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 279-303. [[LIB 320.6094 WAL](#)]

Additional readings:

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, DG Education and culture, 2000, "European employment and social policy: a policy for people":
http://ec.europa.eu/publications/booklets/move/24/txt_en.pdf [PDF]

HAUSER, R., and NOLAN, B., 2000, "Unemployment and poverty: change over time", in D. Gallie and S. Paugam (eds.), *Welfare Regimes and the Experience of Unemployment in Europe*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-22. [[LIB 331.1094 GAL](#)]

Week Three

Pension systems and reforms

January 26

Compulsory readings:

ESPING-ANDERSEN, G., MYLES, J., 2006, "Sustainable and Equitable: Retirement in a Life Course Perspective" in G. L. Clark, A. H. Munnell and J. M. Orszag (eds.) *Pensions and Retirement Income*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 839-857.

ARZA, C., 2006, "Welfare Regimes and Distributional Principles: A Conceptual And Empirical Evaluation Of Pension Reform In Europe", in *EUI working papers*, RSCAS 30:
<http://cadmus.iue.it/dspace/bitstream/1814/6256/1/RSCAS-2006-30.pdf> [PDF].

ECKARDT, M., 2005, "The open method of coordination on pensions: an economic analysis of its effects on pension reforms", in *Journal of European Social Policy*, Vol.15, pp. 247-267.

Additional readings:

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, 2002, "EU pension reform-An overview of the debate and an empirical assessment of the main policy reform options", Economic papers n.162:
http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/publications/publication1970_en.pdf [pdf].

BONKER, F., 2005, "Changing ideas on pensions: accounting for differences in the spread of the multipillar paradigm in five EU social insurance countries", in P. Taylor-Gooby (ed.), *Ideas and welfare state reform in Western Europe*, New York: Palgrave MacMillan, pp. 81-99. [[LIB 361.65094 TAY](#)]

MYLES, J., PIERSON, P., 2001, "The comparative political economy of pension reform", in P. Pierson (ed.), *The new politics of the welfare state*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 305-333. [[LIB 361.65 PIE](#)]

GUILLEMARD, A.M., 2000, "Aging and the welfare-state crisis", Newark: University of Delaware Press; London: Associated University Presses. [[LIB 362.60944 GUI](#)]

**Week Four: European health care systems and policies
February 2**

Compulsory readings:

ADAM, O. and E. MOSSIALOS, 2005, "European Health Systems Reforms: Looking Backward to See Forward?", in *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, Vol. 30 n° 1-2., pp. 7-28 [[link to the article page](#)]

LAMPING, W., 2005, "European Integration and Health Policy: A Peculiar Relationship" in M. Steffen (ed.) *Health Governance in Europe: Issues, Challenges and Theories*, London, New York: Routledge, pp. 18-48. [[LIB 362.1094 STE](#)]

→ Text to be read and presented by working group:

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, 2007, "White Paper: Together for Health: A Strategic Approach for the EU 2008-2013" COM(2007) 630 final:
http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_overview/Documents/strategy_wp_en.pdf [PDF]

Additional readings:

EVANS R. G., 2005, "Fellow Travelers on a Contested Path: Power, Purpose, and the Evolution of European Health Care Systems", in *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, Vol. 30, n° 1-2, pp. 277-293. [[link to the article page](#)]

STEFFEN, M. and LAMPING, W., 2005, "The European Union and Health Policy. The Dynamics of Integration", in *Diskussionspapiere und Materialien* Nr. 19:
<http://www.aspp.jhpc.de/layout/set/print/content/view/full/489/>

MAARSE, H., 2006, "The Privatization of Health Care in Europe: An Eight-Country Analysis", in *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 31(5):981-1014. [[link to the article page](#)]

**Week Five: Cohesion funds
February 9**

Compulsory readings:

LEONARDI, R. 2005, "Cohesion and regional policies in the European Union", in R. Leonardi *Cohesion policy in the European Union: the building of Europe*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 1-32. [[LIB 307.12094 LEO](#)]

LEONARDI, R. 2005, "The challenges of enlargement and cohesion in the ten new member states", in L. Leonardi *Cohesion policy in the European Union: the building of Europe*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 140-172. [[LIB 307.12094 LEO](#)]

Midterm Break - Classes resume on 23/02

Week Six
Poverty and social inclusion
February 23

Compulsory readings:

HANTRAIS, L., 2007, "From poverty to social inclusion", in L. Hantrais *Social policy in the European Union*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 179-208. [[LIB 361.61094 HAN](#)]

MIDDLETON, S., BARNES, M., and MILLAR, J., 2003, "Introduction: the dynamic analysis of poverty and social exclusion", in E. Apospori and J. Millar, (eds.), *The dynamics of social exclusion in Europe: comparing Austria, Germany, Greece, Portugal and the UK*, Cheltenham, UK; Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, pp. 1-15. [[LIB 305.568094 APO](#)]

HEADY, C. and G. ROOM, 2003, "Tackling poverty and social exclusion", in E. Apospori and J. Millar, (eds.), *The dynamics of social exclusion in Europe: comparing Austria, Germany, Greece, Portugal and the UK*, Cheltenham, UK; Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, pp. 164-177. [[LIB 305.568094 APO](#)]

Additional readings:

STEINERT, H., PILGRAM, A. (eds.), 2003, "Welfare policy from below: struggles against social exclusion in Europe", Aldershot; Burlington, VT: Ashgate [[LIB 305.569094 STE](#)]

BARNES, M., 2002, "Social exclusion and the life course", in M. Barnes, C. Heady, S. Middleton, J. Millar, F. Papadopoulos, G. Room, P. Tsakloglou (eds.), *Poverty and social exclusion in Europe*. Cheltenham; Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, pp. 1-23. [[LIB 305.56094 BAR](#)]

EUROSTAT, 2005, *Income poverty and social exclusion in the EU25*, Luxembourg: Office for Official Publications of the European Communities.
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-NK-05-013/EN/KS-NK-05-013-EN.PDF
[PDF]

Week Seven
Europe between equality and difference: engendering Europe
March 2

Compulsory readings:

BELL, D., 2002, "European Social Policy: Between Market Integration and Social Citizenship" in D. Bell "Anti Discrimination Law and the European Union", Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp.6-31 [[LAW Ecwe9 BEL](#)]

HANTRAIS, L., 2007, "The Gender Dimension of Social Policy", in *Social policy in the European Union*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 123-151. [[LIB 361.61094 HAN](#)]

LIEBERT, U., 2003, "Gendering Europeanisation: Patterns and Dynamics" in U. Liebert (ed.) "Gendering Europeanisation", Brussels, Presses Interuniversitaires Européennes, pp. 257-283 (and Appendixes, pp.285-300). [[LIB 305.42094 LIE](#)]

Additional readings:

Liliana Mateeva and Claire Wallace. 2004. *Attitudes to Gender Equality in the context of Enlargement*, paper prepared for the ESPANET Conference, Oxford, September 9-11: <http://www.spsw.ox.ac.uk/fileadmin/static/Espanet/espanetconference/papers/ppr.2B.LM.pdf> [PDF file]

March 9th Brussels Week, NO CLASSES

Week Eight

Europe between equality and difference: anti-discrimination policies

March 16

*****Class time change: 3:00-6:00 PM*****

Compulsory readings:

SCHIECK, D., 2009, "From European Union Non-Discrimination Law Towards Multidimensional Equality Law for Europe" in D. Schiek and V. Chege (eds.), *European Union Non-Discrimination Law: Comparative Perspectives on Multidimensional Equality Law*, London, New York: Routledge Cavendish, pp. 3-27. [LAW Ecwe9 SCH]

BELL, M., 2002, "Reconciling Diverse Legal Traditions: Anti-Discrimination Law in the Member States" in M. Bell *Anti Discrimination Law and the European Union*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 145-190 [LAW Ecwe9 BEL]

→ Text to be read and presented by working group:

EUROPEAN NETWORK AGAINST RACISM (ENAR), 2008, "Extending EU Anti-Discrimination Law: Report of an ENAR Ad Hoc Expert Group on Anti-Discrimination Law", by Mark Bell, Brussels, 26 March 2008: <http://cms.horus.be/files/99935/MediaArchive/pdf/Extending%20EU%20Anti-Discrimination%20Law%20final.pdf> [PDF]

Additional readings:

BELL, M., 2002, "Sexual Orientation Discrimination" in M. Bell" in "Anti Discrimination Law and the European Union", Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 88-120 [LAW Ecwe9 BEL]

APPELT, E., JAROSCH, M. (2000) "Combating Racial Discrimination: Affirmative Action as a Model for Europe", Oxford, New York: BERG, pp. 1-20 [LIB 305.8 APP]

Week Nine

Social policy from below: the role of civil society in building a social Europe

March 23

*****Class time change: 3:00-6:00 PM*****

IMPORTANT: Hand-in a title, an outline and a draft (1000 words) of the paper and a preliminary bibliography

Compulsory readings:

GEYER, R., 2001. "Can European Union (EU) Social NGOs Co-operate to Promote EU Social Policy?", in *Journal of social policy*, 30, 3, 477-493. [[link to the article page](#)]

DELLA PORTA, Donatella, 2003, "The Europeanisation of protest: a typology and some empirical evidence", in *EUI Working Paper SPS* no. 18: <http://www.iue.it/PUB/sps2003-18.pdf> [pdf]

Additional reading:

ANDERSEN, J.G., GUILLEMARD, A.-M., JENSEN, P.H. and B. PFAU-EFFINGER, (eds.), 2005, *The changing face of welfare: consequences and outcomes from a citizenship perspective*, Bristol: Policy Press. [[LIB 361.61094 GOU](#)]

Week Ten

Liberalization, privatization and globalization: social policy under pressure

March 30

Compulsory readings:

ASCOLI, U. and RANCI, C. (2003), "The context of new social policies in Europe", in U. Ascoli and C. Ranci (eds.), *Dilemmas of the Welfare Mix: The New Structure of Welfare in an Era of Privatization*, New York: Plenum publishers, pp. 1-24. [[LIB 361.61094 ASC](#)]

YEATES, N., 2007, "Globalization and social policy", in J. Baldock, N. Manning and S. Vickerstaff (eds.), *Social policy*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 627-653. [[link to the article page](#)]

→ Text to be read and presented by working group:

WORLD BANK, 2007, *Global Economic Prospects 2007: Managing the Next Wave of Globalization*, Washington DC: World Bank. [[link to the report page](#)] Only chapters concerning social policies.

[could be replaced by a more recent report addressing the current economic crisis]

Additional readings:

SHALEY, M. (ed.), 1996, *The privatization of social policy: occupational welfare and the welfare state in America, Scandinavia and Japan*, New York: St. Martin's Press [[LIB 361.65 SHA](#)]

GINSBURG, N., 2006, *Globalization and pressure on social policy development*. Paper prepared for the concluding seminar for the project "Poverty, social assistance and social inclusion – developments in Estonia and Latvia in a comparative perspective" [PDF].

GINSBURG, N., 2001, "Globalization and the Liberal welfare states", in R. Sykes, B. Palier, and P. Pryor (eds.), *Globalization and European Welfare States*, Basingstoke: Palgrave, pp. 173-191. [[LIB 361.65094 SYK](#)]

Week Eleven
European social policy perspectives
April 6

IMPORTANT: Hand-in Final Paper in class today (7000 words)

Compulsory readings:

PIERSON, P., 2001, "Coping With Permanent Austerity Welfare State Restructuring in Affluent Democracies", in P. Pierson (ed.), *The New Politics of the Welfare State*, pp. 410-456. [[LIB 361.65 PIE](#)]

HANTRAIS, L., 2007, "Assessing 50 Years of European Social Policy", in *Social policy in the European Union*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 236-263. [[LIB 361.61094 HAN](#)]

Additional readings:

Kvist, Jon, 2004: "Does EU Enlargement Start a Race to the Bottom? Strategic Interaction Among EU Member States in Social Policy", *Journal of European Social Policy*, 14(3): 301-318. [[link to the journal page](#)]

Noémi Lendvai, 2004, "The Weakest Link? EU Accession and Enlargement: Dialoguing EU and Post-Communist Social Policy", in *Journal of European Social Policy* 14: 319-333. [[link to the journal page](#)]

*****End of program*****

Final grade

The **final grade** will be based on:

- 20% group presentations
- 20% individual presentation
- 20% in-class active participation including "constructive criticism" (as "non-presenters")
- 40% final paper