

TransAtlantic Masters Program

Political Science 745

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Varieties of Democratic Capitalism in Europe and North America

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Course Description: The course will examine the development of different types of welfare states in Europe and North America. The course will be structured around the concept of "welfare states regimes", as defined in Gøsta Esping-Andersen in his path breaking book, *Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. We will also explore how the three welfare state regimes defined by Esping-Andersen interlock with different "labor market regimes", systems of wage bargaining and employment and labor relations, and, in turn, how these labor market and welfare state regimes constitute elements of different "varieties of capitalism". The course moves back and forth from broad conceptual issues to examination of developments in five countries which represent the different welfare state types: the United States and Britain as liberal welfare states, Sweden as a social democratic welfare state, Germany as a Christian democratic welfare state, and Italy as a southern or Mediterranean variant of the Christian democratic regime. The course will focus above all on how social and political forces shaped the development of the economic policies aimed at securing economic growth and employment and of social policies aimed at providing social security, combating poverty, and effecting redistribution. In addition, we will examine how demographic and international economic pressures of the past two decades have transformed the regimes. For the European countries, by far the most important "international economic pressure" has been the process European integration, so we will devote several sessions to understanding the impact of this historically unique development.

Teaching Methods and Evaluation: The course alternates between lectures and discussion. Three or four students will lead each discussion section. The student's grade in the course will depend on four elements: two take home exams (20% each), one essay (40%), and class participation. The essay examines the welfare state regime of one country not covered in the course comparing it to both the general type of welfare state regime it represents (liberal, Christian democratic, or social democratic) and the specific representative (US, UK, Germany, Italy, or Sweden) which we have studied in depth. The essay can cover any country in North America or Europe including all current members of the EU and Switzerland and Norway. The essay should be 5000 words long.

Readings:

You should purchase the following books at the Student Store:

- Gøsta Esping-Andersen, *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*, Princeton University Press, 1990 (0-691-02857-5)
- Gøsta Esping-Andersen et al., *Why we need a New Welfare State*, Oxford, 2002 (90-19-925643-8)
- Neil Gilbert and Rebecca A. Van Voorhis (eds.), *Changing Patterns of Social Protection*, Transaction Publishers, 2003 (0-7658-0989-3)
- Janet Gornick and Marcia Meyers, *Families That Work*, Sage, 2003 (0-87154-356-7)
- Evelyn Huber and John D. Stephens, *Development and Crisis of the Welfare State*, University of Chicago Press, 2001 (0-226-35647-7)
- Robert Putnam, *Making Democracy Work*, Princeton University Press, 1993 (0-691-03738-8)
- W. Phillips Shively, *The Craft of Political Research*, Prentice Hall, 2005. 6th edition. (0-13-117440-1)
- Ronald Tiersky and Erik Jones, *Europe Today: A Twenty-first Century Introduction*, 3rd Edition, Rowman and Littlefield, 2007 (978-0-7425-5501-3)

Most of the other readings are on e-reserve, e-journals, in Blackboard, or available on the internet. The articles marked "e" are on e-reserve. The articles marked "b" are in Blackboard.

For all of the countries we study, the European Industrial Relations Foundation website (<http://eiro.eurofound.ie/>) is an excellent source for information on industrial relations, the economy, and government policy. The *Journal of European Social Policy* is also an excellent source for up to date information on social policy developments in Europe.

Course Session Calendar

August 19 Introduction

August 21 Lecture: The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism

Esping-Andersen, Chapters 1, 2, 5, 6

John Myles and Jill Quadagno, "Political Theories of the Welfare State," *Social Science Review*, March, 2002. b Read pages 34-41. We will read the rest latter.

Huber and Stephens, Chapters 1-2.

August 26 Discussion

August 28 Lecture: Party Systems and Governmental Structures

S.M, Lipset and Stein Rokkan, "Cleavage Structures, Party Systems, and Voter Alignments." Pp. 1-64 in S.M. Lipset and Stein Rokkan (eds.), *Party*

Systems and Voter Alignments, Free Press, 1967. (concentrate on pages 26-50) b

Ellen Immergut, "The Rules of the Game: The Logic of Health Policy Making in France, Switzerland and Sweden." In Sven Steinmo, et al. (eds.), *Structuring Politics: Historical Institutionalism in Comparative Analysis*, Cambridge, 1992 e

September 2 Discussion

September 4 Lecture: Wage bargaining and the Varieties of Capitalism

Peter Hall and David Soskice, "An Introduction to Varieties of Capitalism.' In Peter Hall and David Soskice (eds.) *Varieties of Capitalism: The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage*. Oxford, 2001. b

Huber and Stephens, Chapter 4.

September 9 Discussion

September 11 Lecture: United Kingdom

Hopkin in Tiersky and Jones

Bauld, Judge, and Patterson in Gilbert and Van Voorhis

Martin Rhodes, "Restructuring the British Welfare State: Between Domestic Constraints and Global Imperatives." In Fritz W. Scharpf and Vivien A. Schmidt (eds.) *Welfare and Work in the Open Economy. Volume II. Diverse Responses to Common Challenges*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000. b

September 16 Discussion

September 18 Lecture: Sweden

Einhorn and Logue in Tiersky and Jones

Swedish Information Service fact sheets political parties and the Swedish systems of government. b

Hort in Gilbert and Van Voorhis

Mats Benner and Torben B. Vad, "Sweden and Denmark." In Fritz W. Scharpf and Vivien A. Schmidt (eds.) *Welfare and Work in the Open Economy. Volume II. Diverse Responses to Common Challenges*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000. b

Huber and Stephens, pp.113-144, pp.222-265

September 23 Discussion

September 25 Lecture: Gender and the Welfare State

Gornick and Meyers, chapters 1-4, 5: 121-46, 6: 156-84, 7: 197-235, and 8.

Gøsta Esping-Andersen, *The Social Foundations of Postindustrial Economies*, chapter 4
e

September 30 Discussion

First take home exam TBA circa October 3-10. It will cover the material through the
gender discussion.

October 2 Lecture: Germany

Welsh in Tiersky and Jones

Alber in Gilbert and Van Voorhis

Philip Manow and Eric Seils, "Adjusting badly: The German welfare state, structural
change, and the open economy." In Fritz W. Scharpf and Vivien A. Schmidt
(eds.) *Welfare and Work in the Open Economy. Volume II. Diverse Responses to
Common Challenges*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000. b

Huber and Stephens, pp.144-169, 181-201, 265-286

October 7 Discussion

October 9 Lecture: Welfare State Retrenchment

John Myles and Jill Quadagno, "Political Theories of the Welfare State," *Social Science
Review*, March, 2002. Read pages 41-57. b

Evelyn Huber and John D. Stephens, *Development and Crisis of the Welfare State*,
University of Chicago Press, 2001, Chapter 6, pp.299-311, and Chapter 8

Paul Pierson, "Coping with Permanent Austerity." In Paul Pierson (ed.) *The New
Politics of the Welfare State*, Oxford, 2001 b

October 14 Discussion

October 16 Fall Break

October 21 Lecture: Italy

Gilbert in Tiersky and Jones

Fargion in Gilbert and Van Voorhis

Maurizio Ferrera and Elisabetta Gualmini, "Italy: Rescue from Without?" In Fritz W.
Scharpf and Vivien A. Schmidt (eds.) *Welfare and Work in the Open Economy.
Volume II. Diverse Responses to Common Challenges*. Oxford: Oxford University
Press, 2000. b

Putnam, Chapters 1-4 (6 is recommended)

Maurizio Ferrera, "The Southern Model of Welfare in Social Europe." *Journal of
European Social Policy*, 1: 17-37, 1996.

October 23 Discussion

October 28 Lecture: The Impact of Deepening European Integration on the Welfare State and National Wage Bargaining, New Social Risks

Maurizio Ferrera, Manos Matsganis, and Stefano Sacchi, "Open Coordination Against Poverty: The New EU 'Social Inclusion Process'." *Journal of European Social Policy* 12: 227-39, 2002. b

Esping-Andersen et al., Foreword, Preface, Chapters 1-3, 6

October 30-November 6 No classes, I will be in Taipei, Taiwan.

November 11 Discussion of Esping-Andersen et al.

November 13 Methods of Social Research

Shively, chapters 1-6

November 18 Country paper due.

November 18, 20, 25 Discussion on countries

December 2 Discussion: United States

Van Voorhis in Gilbert and Van Voorhis

Desmond King and Stewart Wood, "The Political Economy of Neoliberalism: Britain and the United States in the 1980s." In Herbert Kitschelt, Peter Lange, Gary Marks, and John D. Stephens, *Continuity and Change in Contemporary Capitalism*, Cambridge, 1999. b

Edwin Amenta, *Bold Relief: Institutional Politics and the Origin of Modern American Social Policy*, Princeton, 1998, conclusion. e

December 4 Discussion on Eastern Europe

Nick Manning, "Diversity and Change in Pre-Accession Central and Eastern Europe Since 1989." *Journal of European Social Policy* 14: 211-232, 2004. b

Zsuzsa Ferge and Gábor Juhász, "Accession and Social Policy: The Case of Hungary." *Journal of European Social Policy* 14: 233-251, 2004. b

Martin Potucek, "Accession and Social Policy: The Case of the Czech Republic." *Journal of European Social Policy* 14: 253-266, 2004. b

Jordan Gans-Morse and Mitchell A. Orenstein, "The Emergence of East-Central European Welfare Regimes," 2008. B

Mitchell Orenstein, "Democracy and the Welfare State in Postcommunist Europe and Eurasia."

Between December 5 and 10 Final take home exam covering the second half of the course