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PUBLIC POLICY 8682/SOCIOLOGY 6616
STRATIFICATION AND SOCIAL POLICY
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Thursdays 3:00-5:45 pm

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Course Goals

This course is designed to offer you a deeper empirical and theoretical understanding of 1) welfare state development cross-nationally, and 2) how welfare states impact stratification.

Grading

Reading Summaries	33 percent
Discussion Leading	33 percent
Final Paper	34 percent

Your grade will consist of three parts.

- First, you should summarize each week's readings in 1 to 2 pages per reading. Reading summaries will count toward 33 percent of your grade. The format for these summaries is entirely up to you, but I recommend outline or bullet format. Be sure to summarize the main point of each reading in a sentence or two, and highlight other important information.
- You will be asked to prepare discussion questions for at least two class periods. You will be responsible for making sure that the discussion flows smoothly during these periods. Think of this assignment as an exercise in group management. Discussion leading will account for 33 percent of your final grade. Please email me your discussion questions at least 24 hours prior to the class period.
- The final project is a 15-20 page research paper. The topic should be related to welfare policy and inequality—either cross-national or U.S.-centered. The paper should include at least 15 references that are not included on the syllabus.

Books

Marshall, T.H. and Tom Bottomore. 1987. *Citizenship and Social Class*. Pluto Press.

Baldwin, Peter. 1990. *The Politics of Social Solidarity: Class Bases of the European Welfare State 1875-1975*. New York: Cambridge.

Esping Andersen, Gosta. 1990. *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Princeton University Press.

Steensland, Brian. 2008. [*The Failed Welfare Revolution: America's Struggle over Guaranteed Income Policy*](#). Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Piven, Frances Fox and Richard Cloward. 1993. *Regulating the Poor: The Functions of Public Welfare*. Vintage Books.

Brady, David. 2009. *Rich Democracies, Poor People: How Politics Explain Poverty*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Wacquant, Loic. 2009. *Punishing the Poor: The Neoliberal Government of Social Insecurity*. Duke Press.

Kenworthy, Lane. 2011. *Progress for the Poor*. Oxford University Press: Forthcoming.

Optional: Goodin, Robert E., Bruce Headey, Ruud Muffels, Henk-Jan Dirven. 1999. *The Real Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Cambridge University Press.

January 10: Citizenship and Pluralism

Marshall, T.H. and Tom Bottomore. 1987. *Citizenship and Social Class*. Pluto Press.

Flora, Peter and Jens Alber. "Modernization, Democratization, and the Development of Welfare States in Western Europe." Pp. 37-80 in *The Development of the Welfare State in Europe and America*

January 17: Class and the Welfare State

Baldwin, Peter. 1990. *The Politics of Social Solidarity: Class Bases of the European Welfare State 1875-1975*.

January 24: Institutional Theories

- Theda Skocpol. 1985. "Bringing the State Back in: Strategies of Analysis in Current Research." Pp. 3-37 in (eds.) *Bringing the State Back In*, edited by Peter Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and Theda Skocpol. NY: Cambridge.
- Theda Skocpol & Edwin Amenta. 1986. "States and Social Policies." *Annual Review of Sociology* 12:131-57.
- Amenta, Edwin. 2005. "State-Centered and Political Institutional Theories in Political Sociology: Retrospect and Prospect." Chapter 4 in the *Handbook of Political Sociology*, eds. Robert Alford, Alexander Hicks, Thomas Janoski, and Mildred A. Schwartz. New York: Cambridge University Press.

January 31: Welfare State Regimes

- Gosta Esping Andersen. 1990. *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Princeton University Press.
- Gooding, Robert, Bruce Headey, Ruud Muffels, Henk-Jan Dirven. 1999. *Real Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Cambridge.

February 7: Ethnicity, Citizenship, and the Welfare State

- Schierup, Carl-Ulrik, Peo Hansen, and Stephen Castles. 2006. *Migration, Citizenship, and the European Welfare State - A European Dilemma* Oxford: Oxford University Press [Oxford Scholarship Online](#). Oxford University Press.

February 14: Culture, Ideology, and the Welfare State

- Steensland, Brian. 2008. [The Failed Welfare Revolution: America's Struggle over Guaranteed Income Policy](#). Princeton.
- Somers, Margaret R. and Fred Block. 2005. "From Poverty to Perversity: Ideas, Markets and Institutions over 200 Years of Welfare Debate." *American Sociological Review* 70: 260-287.
- Hicks, Alex. 2006. "Free-Market and Religious Fundamentalists versus Poor Relief." *ASR* 71: 503-510.

February 21: Gender and the Welfare State

- Orloff, Ann Shola. 1993. "Gender and the Social Rights of Citizenship: The Comparative Analysis of Gender Relations and Welfare States" *American Sociological Review* 58: 303-328.
- O'Connor, Julia. 2004. "Gender, Citizenship, and Welfare Regimes" in Patricia Kennett (ed) *Handbook of Comparative Social Policy*. Northampton: Edward Elgar.
- Misra, Joya and Frances Akins. 1998. "The Welfare State and Women" *Social Politics*. 5:259-285.

February 28: Globalization and the Welfare State

- Pierson, Paul. 2001. "Post-Industrial Pressures on Mature Welfare States." and "Coping with Permanent Austerity." in Paul Pierson's *The New Politics of the Welfare State*. New York: Oxford.
- Frances Fox Piven. 2001. "Globalization, American Politics, and Welfare Policy." *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. 577(1): 26-37.
- Beckfield, Jason. 2006. ["European Integration and Income Inequality."](#) *American Sociological Review* 71:964-85.

March 7: Spring Break

March 14: Social Movements and the Welfare States.

- Piven, Frances Fox and Richard Cloward. 1993. *Regulating the Poor: The Functions of Public Welfare*. Vintage Books.

March 21: Punishing the Poor.

- Wacquant, Loic. 2010. *Punishing the Poor: The Neoliberal Government of Social Insecurity*. Duke University Press.

March 28: Welfare State Policies and Inequality

- Moller, Stephanie, Joya Misra, and Eiko Strader. 2012. "A Cross-National Look at How Welfare States Reduce Inequality" *Sociology Compass*.
- Moller, Stephanie and Joya Misra. Forthcoming. "Inequality" in Kimberly Morgan and Christopher Howard *Oxford Handbook of American Social Policy*. Oxford University Press.
- Moller, Stephanie, David Bradley, Evelyn Huber, François Nielsen and John D. Stephens. "Determinants of Relative Poverty in Advanced Capitalist Democracies." 2003. *American Sociological Review* 68:22-51.
- Volscho, Thomas W. and Nathan J. Kelly. 2012. "The Rise of the Super-Rich: Power Resources, Taxes, Financial Markets, and the Dynamics of the Top 1 Percent, 1949 to 2008" *American Sociological Review* 77: 679-699.

April 4 and 11: Welfare State Outcomes

- Brady, David. 2009. *Rich Democracies, Poor People: How Politics Explain Poverty*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Kenworthy, Lane. 2011. *Progress for the Poor*. New York: Oxford University Press.

April 18: Final presentations

April 25: NO CLASS (SSS Meetings)

May 6: Final Paper Due