M.Sc. in Social Sciences in Comparative Public Policy and Welfare Studies

University of Southern Denmark, Odense

# Comparative Welfare State Policies

Reading Material

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**Practical organization**

Weeks 36-51, starting on 2 September 2014 and finishing on 16 December 2014

**Classes: Tuesday 10-12 in room U144**

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**Part I: Disciplinary perspectives on the welfare state**

**Lecture 1: 2 September, Week 36**

**What is a welfare state and what are its challenges?**

Adema, W. and Whiteford, P. (2010), “Public and Private Social Welfare”, in Castles, F. G., Leibfried, S., and Lewis, J. (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Welfare State*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 121-138.

Jæger, M. and Kvist. J. (2003), “Pressures on State Welfare in Post-Industrial Societies: Is More or Less Better?”, *Social Policy & Administration*, Vol.37, No.6, pp. 555-572.

Øverbye, E. (2010), “Disciplinary Perspectives”, in Castles, F. G., Leibfried, S., and Lewis, J. (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Welfare State*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 152-166.

**Lecture 2: 9 September, Week 37**

**A history of the welfare state and of theories of society**

Cousins, M. (2005), *European Welfare States: Comparative Perspectives*, London, Sage, pp. 1-15 and 77-106.

Lund, B. (2002), *Understanding State Welfare: Social Justice or Social Exclusion?*, London, Sage, pp. 1-26.

**Lecture 3: 16 September, Week 38**

**Economics of the welfare state I**

Barr, N. (2012), *Economics of the Welfare State, 5th Edition*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 41-132.

**Lecture 4: 23 September, Week 39**

**Economics of the welfare state II**

Same as for Lecture 3.

**Lecture 5: 30 September, Week 40**

**Sociology, societal challenges and welfare state policies**

Esping-Andersen, G. (1999), *Social Foundations of Post-industrial Economies*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 32-47 and 145-169.

Olsen, G. M. (2011), *Power & Inequality: A Comparative Introduction*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 37-59.

**Lecture 6: 7 October, Week 41**

**Public policy analysis**

Dunn, W. (2012), *Public Policy Analysis*, Boston, Pearson, pp. 2-30 and 245-308.

**Lecture 7: 21 October, Week 43**

**Micro- and macro-effects of the welfare state**

Andersen, T. M. (2012), “The Welfare State and the Great Recession”, *Intereconomics*, Vol.47, No. 4, pp. 206-211.

Arjona, R., Ladaique, M. and Pearson, M. (2002), “Social Protection and Growth”, *OECD Economic Studies*, Vol.35, No.2, pp. 7-45.

Bradley, D. H. and Stephens, J. D. (2007), “Employment Performance in OECD Countries: A Test of Neoliberal and Institutionalist Hypotheses”, *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol.40, No.12, pp. 1486-1510.

**Part II. Public policy analysis of the welfare state**

Each policy area will be presented according to the four elements below.

1. Theoretical underpinnings, classificatory systems, analytical tools
2. Policy analysis: financing, organisation, delivery, eligibility, public-private mix
3. Policy response to challenges (ageing, public debt, Europeanization, globalization)
4. Social and economic consequences and outcomes of different types of policies

**Lecture 8: 28 October, Week 44**

**Pensions**

Barr, N. (2012), *Economics of the Welfare State, 5th Edition*,Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 135-151.

Bonoli, G. (2003), “Two Worlds of Pension Reform in Western Europe”, *Comparative Politics*, Vol.35, No.4, pp. 399-416.

Ebbinghaus, B. (2012), “Europe’s Transformation Towards a Renewed Pension System”, in Bonoli, G. and Natali, D. (Eds.), *The Politics of the New Welfare State*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 182-205.

**Lecture 9: 4 November, Week 45**

**Labour market policies: activation and unemployment insurance**

Barr, N. (2012), *Economics of the Welfare State, 5th Edition*,Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 135-151.

Clasen, J. and Clegg, D. (2012), “Adapting Labour Market Policy to a Transformed Employment Sructure: The Politics of Triple Integration”, in Bonoli, G. and Natali, D. (Eds.), *The Politics of the New Welfare State*, Oxford, Oxford University Press., pp. 135-157.

Sjöberg, O., Palme, J. and Carroll, E. (2010), “Unemployment Insurance”, in Castles, F. G., Leibfried, S., and Lewis, J. (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Welfare State*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 420-435.

**Lecture 10: 11 November, Week 46**

**Health care**

Barr, N. (2012), *Economics of the Welfare State, 5th Edition*,Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 231-265.

Freeman, R. and Rothgang, H. (2010), “Health”, in Castles, F. G., Leibfried, S., and Lewis, J. (Eds.), The *Oxford Handbook of the Welfare State*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 367-377.

Wendt, C. (2009), “Mapping European Healthcare Systems: A Comparative Analysis of Financing, Service Provision and Access to Healthcare”, *Journal of European Social Policy*, Vol.19, No.5, pp. 432-445.

**Lecture 11: 18 November, Week 47**

**Social assistance**

Bahle, T., Pfeifer, M. and Wendt, C. (2010), “Social Assistance”, in Castles, F. G., Leibfried, S., and Lewis, J. (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Welfare State*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 448-462.

Barr, N. (2012), *Economics of the Welfare State, 5th Edition*,Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 189-209.

Korpi, W. and Palme, J. (1998), “The Paradox of Redistribution and Strategies for Equality: Welfare State Institutions, Inequality, and Poverty in the Western Countries”, *American Sociological Review*, Vol.63, No.5: pp. 661-687.

Kuivalainen, S. and Nelson, K. (2012), “Eroding Income Protection in the Nordic Countries? Reassessing the Nordic Model of Social Assistance”, in Kvist, J., Fritzell, J., Hvinden, B. and Kangas, O. (Eds.), *Changing Social Equality: The Nordic welfare model in the 21st century*, Bristol, The Policy Press, pp. 69-89.

**Lecture 12: 25 November, Week 48**

**Long-term care**

Barr, N. (2010), “Long-Term Care: A Suitable Case for Social Insurance”, *Social Policy & Administration*, Vol. 44, No. 4, 359-74.

Österle, A. and Rothgang, H. (2010) “Long-term care”, in Castles, F. G., Leibfried, S., and Lewis, J. (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Welfare State*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 378-390.

**Lecture 13: 2 December, Week 49**

**Family policy**

Bradshaw, J. and Finch, N. (2010), “Family Benefits and Services”, in Castles, F. G., Leibfried, S., and Lewis, J. (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Welfare State*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 462-478.

Datta Gupta, N., Smith, N. and Verner, M. (2008), “The impact of Nordic countries’ family policies on employment, wages and children”, *Review of Economics of the Household*, Vol. 6, No. 1, pp. 65-89.

**Lecture 14: 9 December, Week 50**

**Education**

Barr, N. (2012), *Economics of the Welfare State, 5th Edition*,Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 266-333.

Busemeyer, M. and Nikolai, R. (2010), “Education”, in Castles, F. G., Leibfried, S., and Lewis, J. (Eds.), The *Oxford Handbook of the Welfare State*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 494-510.

Willemse, N. and de Beer, P. (2012), “Three Worlds of Educational Welfare States? A Comparative Study of Higher Education Systems Across Welfare States”, *Journal of European Social Policy*, Vol.22, No.2, pp. 105-117.

**Lecture 15: 16 December, Week 51**

**Summing up, Q&A**