M.Sc. in International Business, Language and Culture

University of Southern Denmark, Odense

# The Welfare Society in an International Perspective

Student Manual

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**Introduction**

The course introduces the historical development of the European welfare society, comparing Denmark, among others, with other EU Member States, with particular emphasis on the period after 1945 and with a view to what are known as the Nordic, the Anglo-Saxon and the Continental welfare models.

In addition the course discusses definitions and problems in the welfare society and the crisis of the model is looked at in close detail. This will involve themes such as demographic pressure, globalization, individualization, and the political problems associated with welfare reforms.

Political, economic, social and cultural viewpoints are brought to bear. Finally the course will provide an elementary introduction to problems of method and theory with a view to enabling students to apply their knowledge to similar issues. This can take the form of exercises.

**Module aims / Learning Outcomes:**

On completion of the module, the student will be able to:

* be acquainted with a variety of types of welfare state and their historical development;
* be able to debate various types of challenge facing European welfare states;
* demonstrate a comparative understanding of these countries’ welfare systems;
* be able to apply theoretical approaches to issues chosen by them and/or of topical relevance.

**Competences**

The main competences provided through this module are the theoretical diagnosis of problems and challenges (and empirically using databases and existing research articles), as well as how to develop an individual research design in social policy and carry out basic policy analysis. The emphasis is put on the relationship between theories and empirical realities. Secondary competences that will be acquired are policy advice (derived from research) and evaluation skills (evaluation of issues at stake in social policy at the macro level).

**Practical organization**

Weeks 5-21, starting on 3 February 2016 and finishing on 25 May 2016

**Classes: Wednesday 13-16 in room U27**

Responsible teacher: Igor Guardiancich

**Required literature for lectures**

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

**Lecture 1: 3 February, Week 5**

**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: 10 February, Week 6**

**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: 24 February, Week 8**

**Welfare typologies and political economy**

Aidukaite, J. (2009), “Old Welfare State Theories and New Welfare Regimes in Eastern Europe: Challenges and Implications”, *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, Vol.42, No. 1, pp. 23-39.

Arts, W. and Gelissen, J. (2002), “Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism or More? A State-of-the-Art Report”, *Journal of European social policy*, Vol.12, No.2, pp. 137-158.

Esping-Andersen, G. (1990), *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism,* Oxford, Polity Press, pp. 9-35 .

Ferrera, M. (1996), “The ‘Southern Model’ of Welfare in Social Europe”, *Journal of European Social Policy*, Vol.6, No.1, pp.17-37.

**Lecture 4: 2 March, Week 9**

**Economics of the welfare state: efficiency vs. equity; cash vs. kind; private vs. public; social vs. actuarial insurance**

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

**Lecture 5: 9 March, Week 10**

**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.

**Part II: Recent trends and future challenges**

**Lecture 6: 30 March, Week 13**

**The dualization of Continental welfare states**

Emmenegger, P., Häusermann, S., Palier, B. and Seeleib-Kaiser, M. (2011), “How We Grow Unequal?”, in Emmenegger, P., Häusermann, S., Palier, B. and Seeleib-Kaiser, M. (Eds.), *The Age of Dualization: The Changing Face of Inequality in Deindustrializing Societies*, Ofxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 3-26.

Häusermann, S. and Schwander, H. (2011), “Varieties of Dualization? Labour Market Segmentation and Insider-Outsider Divides Across Regimes”, in Emmenegger, P., Häusermann, S., Palier, B. and Seeleib-Kaiser, M. (Eds.), *The Age of Dualization: The Changing Face of Inequality in Deindustrializing Societies*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 27-51.

Hinrichs, K. and Jessoula, M. (2012), “Labour Market Flexibility and Pension Reforms: What Prospects for Security in Old Age?”, in Hinrichs, K. and Jessoula, M. (Eds.), *Labour Market Flexibility and Pension Reforms: Flexible Today, Secure Tomorrow?*, Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 1-25.

Palier, B. (2012), “Turning Vice into Vice: How Bismarckian Welfare States Have Gone from Unsustainability to Dualization”, in Bonoli, G. and Natali, D. (Eds.), *The Politics of the New Welfare State*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 233-255.

**Lecture 7: 6 April, Week 14**

**The gradual transformation of Nordic (including the Danish) welfare states**

Klitgaard, M. B. (2007), “Why Are They Doing It? Social Democracy and Market-Oriented Welfare State Reforms”, *West European Politics*, Vol.30, No.1, pp. 172-194.

Kvist, J. and Greve, B. (2011), “Has the Nordic Welfare Model Been Transformed?”, *Social Policy and Administration*, Vol.45, No. 2, pp. 146-160.

Larsen, C. A. and Andersen, J. G. (2009), “How New Economic Ideas Changed the Danish Welfare State: The Case of Neoliberal Ideas and Highly Organized Social Democratic Interests”, *Governance*, Vol.22, No.2, pp. 239-261.

**Part III: Individual policy areas**

**Lecture 8: 13 April, Week 15**

**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 9: 27 April, Week 17**

**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 10: 4 May, Week 18**

**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 11: 11 May, Week 19**

**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 12: 18 May, Week 20**

**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 13: 25 May, Week 21**

**Summing up, Q&A**

**Participation in the course**

Read the mandatory texts for each Lecture

Short policy brief

* To be presented the day before the presentation at the latest
* 2,000 words max

Oral presentation in class

* 20 minutes max
* Discussion

**Exam**

Examination form: oral examination

Duration: about 30 minutes including assessment

Preparation: 30 minutes

Aids: all printed aids may be brought to the examination.

Moderator: external

Assessment: 7-point grading scale (100% of final grade)

Weighting: 10 ECTS