

Social Policy in the Global South
Fridays, bi-weekly, 9:15–12:45 h
5.4., 12.4., 26.4., 10.5., 24.5., 7.6., 21.6.
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1) Aims

Comparative social policy analysis has focused for a long time mostly on the developed countries of the Global North. But not only the wealthy democracies of the North have developed social policy programs. More and more transition economies and developing countries are developing their own programs, increasing social expenditure and are including new societal groups in their social security systems. Despite some episodes of decline, social policy programs continue to increase worldwide. The development dimension of social policies and the social policies of developing countries in the Global South therefore merit special attention.

The course offers a glimpse into the growing literature on global social policy and on social policy in the Global South in four policy fields – pensions, health, work, and education – which are also covered by research projects in the currently running collaborative research center on global dynamics of public social policy.

2) Course Requirements

This MA course introduces into the field of social policy in the global south. Students are expected to **read the required literature** for each session, as it builds the basis for collective discussion in the course. All participants have to present in at least one session additional information about a text that is not the required reading for all. Students can decide whether they will develop a small empirical research project or address a theoretical question in their term paper.

To receive your credit point it is required to

- regularly participate in the course
- give a PowerPoint presentation
- write a term paper until 15 September 2019

3) Course Schedule

1 5.4.19 Introduction

2 12.4.19 Overview

Reading: • Myles, John, and Jill Quadagno (2002): Political Theories of the Welfare State, in: Social Service Review 76(1): 34–57.

Global Social Policy

Reading • Deacon, Bob (2007): Global social policy & governance, Los Angeles: Sage Publications, Ch 1 & 8.

Presentation • Davy, Benjamin, Ulrike Davy, and Lutz Leisering (2013): The Global, the

Social and Rights. New Perspectives on Social Citizenship, in: *International Journal of Social Welfare* 22(Supplement S1): S1–S14.

- Alexandra Kaasch (2016): Global Social Policy in the Context of Global Inequality, in: Melike Wulfgramm, Tonia Bieber, and Stephan Leibfried (eds.), *Welfare State Transformations and Inequality in OECD Countries*, London: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 247–266.

3 26.4.19 Welfare States in a Global Perspective?

- Reading
- Schmitt, Carina, Hanna Lierse, Herbert Obinger and Laura Seelkopf (2015), The Global Emergence of Social Protection: Explaining Social Security Legislation 1820–2013, *Politics & Society*, 43(4), 503–524.
 - Rudra, Nita (2007), Welfare States in Developing Countries: Unique or Universal?, *Journal of Politics*, 69(2), 378–396.

- Presentation
- Huber, Evelyne, and Sara Niedzwiecki (2015): Emerging Welfare States in Latin America and East Asia, in: Stephan Leibfried et al. (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Transformations of the State*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, p. 796–812.
 - Segura-Ubiergo, Alex (2007), *The Political Economy of the Welfare State in Latin America: Globalization, Democracy, and Development*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Ch. 2.

4 10.5.19 Pensions

- Reading
- Orenstein, Mitchell A. (2013), Pension Privatization: Evolution of a Paradigm, *Governance*, 26(2), 259–281.
 - Orenstein, Mitchell A (2008), *Privatizing Pensions. The Transnational Campaign for Social Security Reform*, Princeton, Oxford: Princeton University Press, Ch. 4.
 - Barrientos, Armando (2009): Social pensions in low-income countries, in: Robert Holzmann, David A. Robalino, and Noriyuki Takayama (eds.), *Closing the Coverage Gap: Role of Social Pensions and Other Retirement Income Transfers*, Washington, D.C.: World Bank Publications, pp. 73–84.

- Presentation:
- Stewart, Fiona, and Juan Yermo (2009): Pensions in Africa, *OECD Working Papers on Insurance and Private Pensions #30*, OECD. [https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/finance-and-investment/pensions-in-africa_227444006716].
 - Hu, Aiqun (2016): Social insurance ideas in the People’s Republic of China: A historical and transnational analysis, in: *Transnational Social Review* 6(3): 297–312.

5 24.5.19 Health

- Reading
- Lee, Kelley (2009): Understandings of Global Health Governance: The Contested Landscape, in: Adrian Kay and Owain David Williams (eds.), *Global health governance: crisis, institutions, and political economy*, Basingstoke:

Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 27–41.

- Mills, Anne (2014): Health Care Systems in Low- and Middle-Income Countries, in: *New England Journal of Medicine* 370(6): 552–557.

- Presentation
- Harman, Sophie (2009): The World Bank and Health, in: Adrian Kay and Owain David Williams (eds.), *Global health governance: crisis, institutions, and political economy*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 227–244.
 - Birn, Anne-Emanuelle (2014): Philanthrocapitalism, past and present: The Rockefeller Foundation, the Gates Foundation, and the setting(s) of the international/global health agenda, in: *Hypothesis* 12(1).

6 7.6.19 Work

- Reading
- Kaufman, Bruce E. (2004): The global evolution of industrial relations: events, ideas and the IIRA, Geneva: International Labour Office, Chapter 10 (pp. 489-548).
 - Chun, Jennifer Jihye, and Rina Agarwala (2016): Global Labour Politics in Informal and Precarious Jobs, in: Stephen Edgell, Heidi Gottfried, and Edward Granter (eds.), *The SAGE handbook of the sociology of work and employment*, Los Angeles: Sage, pp. 634–650.

- Presentation
- International Labour Office (2018): *Women and men in the informal economy: a statistical picture*.
 - Betz, Joachim, and Daniel Neff (2017): Social policy diffusion in South Asia, in: *Journal of Asian Public Policy* 10(1): 25–39.
 - Zajak, Sabrina (2017): *Transnational Activism, Global Labor Governance, and China*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, Chapter 6 (pp. 207-249).

7 21.6.19 Education

- Reading
- Frankema, Ewout H. P. (2012): The origins of formal education in sub-Saharan Africa: was British rule more benign?, in: *European Review of Economic History* 16(4): 335–355.

- Reading
- Mundy, Karen, and Antoni Verger (2015): The World Bank and the global governance of education in a changing world order, in: *International Journal of Educational Development* 40: 9–18.

- Presentation
- Bonal, Xavier (2016): Education, Poverty, and the “Missing Link”: The Limits of Human Capital Theory as a Paradigm for Poverty Reduction, in: Karen Mundy et al. (eds.), *Handbook of Global Education Policy*, John Wiley & Sons, pp. 97–110.
 - Hanushek, Eric A. (2013): Economic growth in developing countries: The role of human capital, in: *Economics of Education Review* 37: 204–212.
 - Kraemer, Kenneth L., Jason Dedrick, and Prakul Sharma (2009): One laptop per child: vision vs. reality, in: *Communications of the ACM* 52(6): 66–73.