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 four welfare state regimes 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 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.

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, Mediterranean, 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 about 5000 words long. There is a document in Course Information in Sakai with more detailed instructions about the essay.
Readings:

The following books are available at the Student Store:


The other readings are on available in Sakai.

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 20  Introduction

August 22  Lecture: Theories of Welfare State Development; 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. Read pages 34-41. We will read the rest latter.

August 27-29  No class. RC19 meetings in Mannheim

September 3  Discussion

September 5  Lecture: Party Systems and Governmental Structures

W.S. Allen, The Nazi Seizure of Power, chapters 1 and 2

September 10  Discussion

September 12  Lecture: Wage Bargaining and Varieties of Capitalism


September 17  Discussion

September 19  Lecture: United Kingdom

Shaw and Hopkin in Tiersky and Jones


September 24  Discussion

September 26  Lecture: Sweden

Einhorn in Tiersky and Jones


October 1 Discussion

October 3  Lecture: Gender and the Welfare State


October 8  Discussion

October 10  No class. I will be on my way to the 20th anniversary of European Studies at Gothenburg University.

Circa October 15  First take home exam, actual date TBA. It will cover the material through the gender discussion.

October 15 Lecture: Germany

Welsh in Tiersky and Jones

October 17 Fall Break

October 22 Discussion

October 24 Discussion: Immigration and the Welfare State

Sainsbury

October 29 Lecture: Welfare State Retrenchment


October 31 Discussion

November 5 Lecture: Italy

Baldini in Tiersky and Jones


Putnam, Chapters 1-4 (6 is recommended)

November 7 Discussion on Italy

November 12 Lecture: New Social Risks, Social Investment policies


Caroline de la Porte and Bruno Palier, “The politics and policies of social investment at the EU level: a longitudinal analysis.”

November 14 Discussion

November 14 Country paper due.

November 19, 21 and 26. Presentation of country essays.

December 3 Discussion: United States


Between December 6 and 12 Second take home exam covering the second half of the course