

Social Policy in an Interdependent World

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Syllabus

- Prerequisites: Microeconomics, Introduction to Econometrics
- Language: English
- Availability: annually (summer semester)
- Compulsory module in the programs International Business Studies and International Economic Studies (4th semester)
- Workload 150 h (including 60 contact hours) \equiv 5 ECTS
- Lecture (2 h per week) + tutorial (1 h per week)
- Inseparable examination: 60-minutes written examination (80%) + presentation in groups (20%)
- Slides, papers, exercises, data etc. on StudON (password protected)
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Learning objectives

- This course aims to
 - ▶ impart country-specific as well as cross-national empirical and theoretical knowledge of welfare systems;
 - ▶ provide students with an understanding of current debates, theories and concepts relevant to social policy in open economies;
 - ▶ enable students to apply economic theories and methods in exploring specific policy fields such as poverty, migration, health, pensions, housing, and family policy;
 - ▶ develop students skills in data analysis in areas pertaining to social policy;
 - ▶ strengthen the students' ability to develop reasoned arguments, synthesize relevant information and exercise critical judgement.

Contents

- Part I: Concepts
- Part II: Social Policy Areas
- Part III: International Cooperation in Social Policy
- Part IV: International Mobility and Social Security in the EU

Textbook

- Barr, N. (2020). *The Economics of the Welfare State*. 6th edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Policy reports

- ILO (2021). World Social Protection Report 2020–22.
<https://www.ilo.org/global/publications/books>
- OECD (2019). Society at a Glance 2019. Paris.
<https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/>
- OECD (2021). Pensions at a Glance 2021. Paris.
<https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/>
- World Bank (2018). The State of Social Safety Nets 2018.
Washington, DC: World Bank.
<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/29115>

Electronic sources

- European Commission (Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion):
<https://ec.europa.eu/social/home.jsp?langId=en>
- Eurostat:
<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/main>
- International Labour Organization (ILO) on social protection:
<https://www.ilo.org/global/topics/social-security/lang-en/index.htm>
- Mutual Information System on Social Protection (MISSOC):
<https://www.missoc.org/>
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on social and welfare issues:
<https://www.oecd.org/social/>
<https://www.oecd.org/els/soc/>
- Worldbank on social protection:
<https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/socialprotection>