

**Winter Term 2012/13**  
**Dr. Ulrich Glassmann**  
**Master Course (1404) Comparative Political Economy:**  
**Comparative Analysis of Welfare States**  
**Wednesdays, 4.00 – 5.30p.m.**  
**Lecture Room/ Institute for Political Science**  
**Gottfried-Keller-Straße 6**  
**Start: October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Course description:**

Increasing internationalisation of national economies creates a specific pressure for national welfare states. As the support by social security systems is always in some way linked to the performance of national labour markets, a deterioration of economic performance caused by a decline in competitiveness threatens the maintenance of welfare schemes. For this reason, national democracies on the one hand have to shape economic and labour market policies successfully; on the other hand, they must also make sustainable arrangements to enable a continuous provision of welfare benefits. Thus, it is important that social policies are coherent with economic and labour market policies and do not run counter to these measures.

The suitability of social policy programs, however, is dependent inter alia on the specific institutional arrangements and market structures in which welfare benefits are provided. First, this leads to the question of why Western European welfare states show quite different institutional characteristics. Secondly, the question arises, what effects these different characteristics have on the economy and society of these countries. The third part of the seminar focuses on the adjustment problems of welfare states under the pressure of economic internationalisation. The questions on these topics will be addressed in the seminar on the basis of empirical and comparative studies.

**Enrolment:** Enrolment is possible in the first session of the course (October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012).

**Grading:** Depending on the study program students hand in a paper and give a presentation or sit a written exam. Topics for the presentations will be discussed in the first session or in office hours. Regular attendance and

active course participation is required for all students. Each session has to be prepared with the basic reading material (see course schedule).

**Office Hours:** Mondays, 3.00 – 4.00p.m.

**Literature:**

A reader containing the basic literature will be made available at the Chair of Comparative Politics (Prof. Kaiser), Gottfried-Keller-Straße 1.

**Course Schedule**

**Introduction**

**Session 1 (October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012)**

*Introduction to the Course*

**Varieties of Welfare Regimes**

**Session 2**

*The Class Conflict and the Institutions of Welfare States*

**Literature:** Esping-Andersen, Gøsta (1990): *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, pp. 35-78.

**Session 3**

*Production Regimes and Varieties of Welfare Capitalism*

**Literature:** Hall, Peter; Soskice, David (2001): *An Introduction To Varieties of Capitalism*, in: Hall, Peter; Soskice, David (Eds.): *Varieties of Capitalism. The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-44.

Swank, Duane H./ Martin, Cathie Jo (2001): *Employers and the Welfare State. The Political Economic Organization of Firms and Social Policy in Contemporary Capitalist Democracies*, in: *Comparative Political Studies* 34 (8), pp. 889-923.

#### **Session 4**

*Families, Gender Roles and Welfare*

**Literature:** Esping-Andersen, Gøsta (1999): *Social Foundations of Postindustrial Economies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 32-72.

#### **Session 5**

*The Religious Foundations of Modern Welfare States*

**Literature:** Kahl, Sigrun (2005): *The Religious Roots of Modern Poverty Policy: Catholic, Lutheran, and Reformed Protestant Traditions Compared*, in: *Archives Européennes de Sociologie*, XLVI, 1, pp. 91-126.

#### **Session 6**

*Decision Rules, Individual Behaviour and Welfare*

**Literature:** Glassmann, Ulrich/ Sauermann, Jan (2012): *Decision Costs and Welfare Effects of Democratic Voting Rules – an Experimental Analysis*, in: *World Political Science Review* (forthcoming).

#### **Social Policies and Varieties of Welfare Capitalism**

#### **Session 7**

*Health Care Policies in Conservative, Liberal and Social-democratic Welfare States*

**Literature:** Giaimo, Susan (2001): *Who Pays for Health Care Reform?*, in: Pierson, Paul (ed.): *The New Politics of the Welfare State*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 334-367.

#### **Session 8**

*Pension Policies in Conservative, Liberal and Social-democratic Welfare States*

**Literature:** Myles, John/ Pierson, Paul (2001): *The Comparative Political Economy of Pension Reform*, in: Pierson, Paul (eds.): *The New Politics of the Welfare State*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 305-333.

Hacker, Jacob S. (2005): *Policy Drift: The Hidden Politics of US Welfare Retrenchment*, in: Streeck, Wolfgang and Thelen, Kathleen (eds.): *Beyond Continuity. Institutional Change in Advanced Political Economies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 40-82.

#### **Economic Internationalisation and Varieties of Welfare Capitalism**

#### **Session 9**

*Labour Markets under Pressure – Challenges for Modern Welfare States*

**Literature:** Wood, Stewart (2001): *Labour Market Regimes under Threat? Sources of Continuity in Germany, Britain, and Sweden*, in: Pierson, Paul (ed.): *The New Politics of the Welfare State*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 368-409.

Scharpf, Fritz. W. (2001): *Employment and the welfare state. A continental dilemma*, in: Ebbinghaus, Bernhard/ Manow, Philip (eds.): *Comparing Welfare Capitalism. Social policy and political economy in Europe, Japan, and the USA*. London/ New York: Routledge, pp. 270-283.

#### **Session 10**

*Effects of Economic Internationalisation – How Do Parties React?*

**Literature:** Iversen, Torben (2001): *The Dynamics of Welfare State Expansion: Trade Openness, De-industrialization, and Partisan Politics*, in: Pierson, Paul (ed.): *The New Politics of the Welfare State*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 45-79.

Sala-i-Martin, Xavier (2006): *Global Inequality Fades as the Global Economy Grows*, in: *2007 Index of Economic Freedom*: Washington: Heritage Foundation/ The Wall Street Journal, pp. 15-25.

#### **Session 11**

*Migration and the Welfare State*

**Literature:** Banting, Keith/ Johnston, Richard/ Kymlicka, Will/ Soroka, Stuart (2006): *Do multiculturalism policies erode the welfare state? An*

empirical analysis, in: Banting, Keith/ Kymlicka, Will (eds.): *Multiculturalism and the Welfare State*. Recognition and Redistribution in Contemporary Democracies. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 49-91.

Entzinger, Han (2006): The parallel decline of multiculturalism and the welfare state in the Netherlands, in: Banting, Keith/ Kymlicka, Will (eds.): *Multiculturalism and the Welfare State*. Recognition and Redistribution in Contemporary Democracies. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 177-201.

### **Session 12**

*Effects of Training & Education Systems on Labour Markets and Welfare*

**Literature:** Crouch, Colin et al. (1999): *Are Skills the Answer?* Oxford: Oxford University Press: Chapter 2, pp.31-71 and Chapter 8, pp.219-250.

### **Session 13**

*The Future of the Welfare State*

**Literature:** Esping-Andersen, Gøsta (2006): A Welfare State for the Twenty-First Century, in: Pierson, Christopher/ Castles, Francis G. (eds.): *The Welfare State Reader*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Cambridge/ Malden, Ma.: Polity Press, pp. 434-454.

Lister, Ruth (2006): Investing in the Citizen-Workers of the Future: Transformations in Citizenship and the State under New Labour, in: Pierson, Christopher/ Castles, Francis G. (eds.): *The Welfare State Reader*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Cambridge/ Malden, Ma.: Polity Press, pp. 456-472.