



## *Syllabus*

### *Comparative political economy - 56081*

*Last update 04-09-2018*

*HU Credits:* 2

*Responsible Department:* Political Science

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 1st Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

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*Course/Module description:*

*This class examines the interactions of economic and political developments*

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across Western democracies over the last three decades. It presents a broad overview of the empirical research in the field.

Course/Module aims:

This course acquaints students with prominent empirical approaches in political economy, focusing on their assumptions, analytical tools and limitations. The course also acquaints students with processes and phenomena in the political economy of Western democracies.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

Ability to use varying approaches to characterize and explain processes and phenomena in political economy.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures and conversation.

Course/Module Content:

See Required Reading.

Required Reading:

1. Introduction

Hall, Peter. "Politics as a process structured in space and time." (2010). In: Oxford Handbook of Historical Institutionalism. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016, 31-50.

2. The welfare state

Gsta Esping Andersen. 1989. "The Three Political Economies of the Welfare State," Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology, 26: 10-36.

Optional reading:

Marshall, T. H. 1950. Citizenship and Social Class and other Essays. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

3. Employers, workers and the welfare state

One of the following:

Huber, Evelyne, and John D. Stephens. Development and crisis of the welfare state:

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*Parties and policies in global markets. University of Chicago press, 2010, Chapter 2 (pp. 14-31).*

*Swenson, P. A. (1991). Bringing capital back in, or social democracy reconsidered: employer power, cross-class alliances, and centralization of industrial relations in Denmark and Sweden. World Politics, 43(04), 513-544.*

#### *4. Varieties of Capitalism:*

*Peter A. Hall, and David Soskice. 2001. "An Introduction to Varieties of Capitalism." In Hall and Soskice (eds), Varieties of Capitalism. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-68.*

##### *Optional reading:*

*Margarita Estevez-Abe, Torben Iversen and David Soskice. 2001. "Social Protection and the Formation of Skills: A Reinterpretation of the Welfare State," in Hall and Soskice, eds. Varieties of Capitalism. Oxford: Oxford University Press 2001, pp. 145-83.*

*Hall, P. A., & Gingerich, D. W. (2009). "Varieties of Capitalism and Institutional Complementarities in the Political Economy: An Empirical Analysis." British Journal of Political Science, 39(03), 449-482.*

#### *5. Institutional change:*

##### *One of the following:*

*Hall, P. A. (1993). Policy paradigms, social learning, and the state: the case of economic policymaking in Britain. Comparative Politics. 25(3): 275-296.*

*Conran, James and Thelen, Kathleen. "Institutional Change." In: Oxford Handbook of Historical Institutionalism. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016, pp. 51-70.*

#### *6. The service economy:*

*Iversen, Torben and Anne Wren. 1998. "Equality, Employment and Budgetary Restraint: The Trilemma of the Service Economy," World Politics 50: 4: 507-546.*

##### *Optional reading:*

*Oesch and Menes. "Upgrading or polarization? Occupational change in Britain, Germany, Spain and Switzerland, 1990-2008." Socio-Economic Review (2011) 9, 503-531*

*Thelen, K. (2012). "Varieties of Capitalism: Trajectories of Liberalization and the New Politics of Social Solidarity." Annual Review of Political Science, 15: 137-159.*

#### *7. Still class politics?*

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One of the following:

Gingrich, Jane, and Silja Häusermann. "The decline of the working-class vote, the reconfiguration of the welfare support coalition and consequences for the welfare state." *Journal of European Social Policy* 25.1 (2015): 50-75

Oesch, Daniel, and Line Rennwald. "Electoral competition in Europe's new tripolar political space: class voting for the left, centre-right and radical right." *European Journal of Political Research*. 2017.

Optional reading:

Paul Pierson. 2001. *The New Politics of the Welfare State*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Introduction.

## 8. Demographic change and the welfare state:

One of the following:

Alesina, Alberto, Edward Glaeser, and Bruce Sacerdote. 2001. *Why Doesn't the US Have a European-Style Welfare System?* National Bureau of Economic Research.

Singh, Prerna. "Subnationalism and Social Development: A Comparative Analysis of Indian States." *World Politics* 67.3 (2015): 506-562.

Optional reading:

Brady, D., & Finnigan, R. (2014). Does Immigration Undermine Public Support for Social Policy? *American Sociological Review*, 79(1), 17-42.

Putnam, Robert D. "E pluribus unum: Diversity and community in the twenty-first century the 2006 Johan Skytte Prize Lecture." *Scandinavian political studies* 30.2 (2007): 137-174

## 9. The politics of economic inequality:

One of the following:

Pierson, P., & Hacker, J. S. (2010). Winner-Take-All Politics: Public Policy, Political Organization, and the Precipitous Rise of Top Incomes in the United States. *Politics & Society*, 38(2), 152-204.

Potter, J. D., & Tavits, M. (2015). The Effect of Inequality and Social Identity on Party Strategies. *American Journal of Political Science*, 59(3), 744-758.

Optional reading:

Iversen, T., & Soskice, D. (2006). Electoral Institutions and the Politics of Coalitions: Why Some Democracies Redistribute More Than Others. *American Political Science Review*, 100(2), 165-181.

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Lupu, Noam and Jonas Pontusson. 2011. "The Structure of Inequality and the Politics of Redistribution," *American Political Science Review* 105(2): 316-36.

#### 10. Who supports redistribution?

Cusack, Tom, Torben Iversen and Philipp Rehm. 2006. *Risks at work: The demand and supply sides of government redistribution.* *Oxford Review of Economic Policy* 22(3):365.

##### Optional reading:

Rehm, P. (2010). *Risk Inequality and the Polarized American Electorate.* *British Journal of Political Science*, 41(02), 363-387.

Mendelberg, T., & McCabe, K. T. (2016). *College Socialization and the Economic Views of Affluent Americans.* *American Journal of Political Science.*

#### 11. Economic risks:

Rueda, David. 2005. "Insider-Outsider Politics in Industrialized Democracies: The Challenge to Social Democratic Parties." *American Political Science Review* 99(1): 61-74.

##### Optional reading:

Thewissen, Stefan, and David Rueda. "Automation and the Welfare State: Technological Change as a Determinant of Redistribution Preferences." *Comparative Political Studies*

Häusermann, Silja, Thomas Kurer, and Hanna Schwander. "High-skilled outsiders? Labor market vulnerability, education and welfare state preferences." *Socio-Economic Review* 13.2 (2014): 235-258

#### 12. Do the poor follow their material interests?

##### One of the following:

Walsh, Katherine Cramer. "Putting inequality in its place: Rural consciousness and the power of perspective." *American Political Science Review* 106.3 (2012): 517-532

Bartels, Larry M. "What's the Matter with What's the Matter with Kansas?." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 1.2 (2006): 201-22

##### Optional reading:

La O, De, A. L., & Rodden, J. (2008). *Does Religion Distract the Poor? Income and Issue Voting Around the World.* *Comparative Political Studies*, 41(4-5), 437-476.

Moses Shayo. 2009. "A Model of Social Identity with an Application to Political

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Economy, *American Political Science Review* 103 (May): 147-174.

13: *The economic roots of political unrest in the West:*

Colantone, Italo, and Piero Stanig. "The trade origins of economic nationalism: Import competition and voting behavior in Western Europe." *American Journal of Political Science* (2017)

Larry Bartels, "The 'wave' of right-wing populist sentiment is a myth", *Washington Post*, 21 June 2017.

Optional reading:

Colantone, Italo, and Piero Stanig. "Global competition and Brexit." *American political science review* 112.2 (2018): 201-218

Dorn, David, Gordon Hanson, and Kaveh Majlesi. *Importing political polarization? The electoral consequences of rising trade exposure*. No. w22637. National Bureau of Economic Research, 2016

14. Course summary

Additional Reading Material:

See above.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 85 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 15 %

Questions on reading materials

Additional information:

Requirements:

1. Submitting questions on reading materials for 7 classes each semester. Students will upload their questions the evening before class and will be ready to elaborate upon their questions during class (15%).

2. Project work (85%).

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*Required reading may change during the course.*

*Not available for students of course 54108.*