ATA 596: Social Policy in Comparative Historical Perspective

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Economic, social and cultural transformations of the last few decades have ushered in two seemingly contradictory developments in social policy regimes throughout the world. On the one hand, the mature welfare states of developed capitalist countries have come under pressure as a result of these transformations. In the countries of the periphery, on the other hand, we have observed a “social turn” whereby social protection has acquired a novel significance. This course is designed to approach the questions and challenges that emerge in this particular historical conjuncture through an investigation of the history and theory of social policy. The ultimate objective of the course is to initiate an inquiry into different modes of social solidarity in which markets, states, families and NGOs play different roles.

Course evaluation is based on a paper (around 15 pages) and a take-home final examination. Contribution to class discussions around the required readings is important.

Office hours: Wednesday 14:30-16:30, Social Policy Forum (North Campus, kuzey park binası) or by appointment

Course Outline

Introduction (week 1)


To the Welfare State (week 3)


**Varieties of Welfare Capitalism and Forms of Social Risk Coverage (week 4)**


**Social Policy in the Periphery (week 5)**


**Trajectories of Social Policy Change in Late-Industrializing Countries (week 6)**


**Current Challenges to Social Policy: The Cases of Immigration and Labor Market Transformation (week 7)**


**Gendered Social Policy (week 8)**


**Voluntary Action and New Philanthropy (week 9)**


D. Lewis, “Building the Welfare Mix or sidelining the State? Non-Governmental Organizations in Developing Countries as Social policy Actors”


**Invited speakers presenting their research on vulnerable groups (week 10)**

Child poverty

Roma

LGBTI

**Student presentations (weeks 11-13)**