Dear course participant,

I look forward to meeting you and together venturing into the world of politics and welfare regimes in the Global South! I hope I have put together a course programme that you will find both exciting and rewarding.

Below you will find a detailed course plan as well as the literature that we will go through. As it is an intensive course, you will benefit most if you are able to go through some of the literature beforehand.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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Main book

For other literature, see course plan below

Please note: Most texts are journal articles and you can find these electronically. If a reference is marked with * it is in the compendium, and if a reference is marked ♦ you can find it on AULA
Course plan

1. Introduction: conceptualisation and welfare regime typologies

Tuesday 3rd of July: 9.15 – 13.00 (4 hours)

Objectives / focus:
- Introduction to course
- Clarification of concepts
- The "ethnocentric" welfare regime literature
- Typologies of welfare regimes in the ‘North’ and the ‘South’
- Discussion on the (dis-)advantages of welfare regime typologies

Literature (141 p.):


Haggard & Kaufman (2008), pp. 3-6 & 27-38 (16 p.)


2. Welfare regimes / social policies: Consequences for poverty and inequality
Thursday of 5th of July: 9.15 – 12.00 (3 hours)

Objectives / focus:
- The relationship welfare regimes and poverty/inequality in the West
- The relationship between social policies and poverty in developing countries
- The impact of social policies on inequality levels

Literature (131 p.):


3. Causes to welfare policy development – politics & the power resource approach
Monday 9th of July: 9.15 – 12.00 (3 hours)

Objectives / focus:
- Theoretical explanations to welfare expansion and reform in the West
- Theoretical framework for explaining welfare policy development in the South
- Comparing theories – can we learn from the West? How may developing countries differ?

Literature (133 p.):


4. Democracy and welfare regimes
Wednesday 11th of July: 9.15 – 13.00 (4 hours)

Objectives / focus:
- The relationship between democracy and welfare policy development
- Results and findings in quantitative and qualitative studies
- Strength and weaknesses of different methods

Literatur (151 s.):


5. Welfare regimes in Latin America
Friday 13th of July: 9.15 – 12.00 (3 hours)

Objectives / focus:
- Outline of dominant explanations to welfare policy development in Latin America
- Discussion of the relationship between theory and empirical evidence
- Interregional variation and Latin American welfare regimes
- Welfare policies and social outcomes

Literature (127 p.):
Haggard & Kaufman (2008), chapters 2 & 7 (35p. + 43p.)


6. Welfare regimes in Asia  
Monday 16th of July: 9.15 – 12.00 (3 hours)

Objectives / focus:
- Outline of dominant explanations to welfare policy development in Asia
- Discussion of the relationship between theory and empirical evidence
- Interregional variation and Asian welfare regimes
- Welfare policies and social outcomes

Literature (127 p.):
Haggard & Kaufman (2008), chapters 3 & 6 (29 p. + 41p.)


7. Welfare in Africa  
Wednesday 18th of July: 9.15 – 12.00 (3 hours)

Objectives / focus:
- The extent of social protection in Africa
- African welfare regime typologies
- Cash transfers and its consequences in Malawi
- Explaining welfare policy development in Botswana & Mauritius

Literature (128 p.):


8. Globalisation and welfare regimes
Friday 20th of July: 9.15 – 12.00 (3 hours)

Objectives / focus:
- The relationship between globalisation and social policies – theoretical arguments
- The relationship between globalisation and social policies – empirical findings
- Quantitative and qualitative studies – comparing the evidence
- Exam and evaluation

Literature (110 p.):


8. Ethnicity and welfare regimes
Monday 23rd of July: 9.15 – 13.00 (4 hours)

Objectives / focus:
- The relationship between ethnicity and social policies – theoretical arguments
- The relationship between ethnicity and social policies – empirical findings
- Quantitative and qualitative studies – comparing the evidence

Literature (154 p.):


