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Department of Sociology

A. Syllabus for Reading Course in Gender, Inequalities and the Welfare State (PhD level)

A third level (PhD) “reading course” does not involve any traditional teaching and typically only a few students participate in the course. A reading course for 7,5 credits should cover an ambitious and demanding reading material, where the amount of reading will vary depending on the nature of the texts. The Department of Sociology offers reading courses to its PhD students in areas that cover either a specific topic of high relevance for the PhD thesis or a specific area of research expertise in the Department. This course belongs to the latter category.

This course has been reviewed by the Director of Graduate Studies on 2018-08-02.

B. Course Details, Assessment and Grading

This course is offered by Åsa Lundqvist upon demand as a reading course on the readings listed under F, below. There is no teaching involved. The course is examined on the basis of a written paper (in English or Swedish) of 10-15 pages and an oral examination (individually or in group).

The grades for the course are awarded as Pass or Fail. To receive a Pass, the student must fulfil the learning outcomes specified for the course and demonstrate an independent, reflective, well-informed and critical relationship to the issues presented in the course.

C. Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course the student should be able to:

- 1) Summarize the main outlines of the research field covered in the reading material;
- 2) Critically examine contributions to the relevant research field;
- 3) Apply some ideas in the literature to a research problem.

D. Course Content

The aim of this course is to provide advanced knowledge of welfare states in times of social and economic change with special emphasis on feminist analysis of the development and reproduction of inequalities within and between the family, the state and the market. The literature covers feminist analyses of the dynamics of paid

labour, care work and the role of policy making in various welfare states, but also the social and economic consequences of the restructuring of welfare states, austerity politics and escalating inequalities between women and men, between migrant groups and the majority, and between the young and the old.

E. Admission Requirements

Applicants must be admitted to the Ph.D. program at the Department of Sociology, Lund University, or be accepted as a visiting student to that program.

F. Course Literature

Mandatory readings

- Castles, F.G., S. Leibfried, J. Lewis, H. Obinger and C. Pierson (eds) *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Welfare States*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, chapter 9, 17, 32, 36, and 48)
- Daly, M. (2011) 'What Adult Worker Model? A Critical Look at Recent Social Policy Reform in Europe from a Gender and Family perspective', *Social Politics*, 1: 1-23.
- Hassim, S (2008) "Global Constraints on Gender Equality in Care Work", *Politics & Society* 36: 388-403.
- Jenson, J. (2009) "Lost in Translation: The Social Investment Perspective and Gender Equality", *Social Politics* 4: 446-483.
- Orloff, A. (2009) "Should Feminists Aim for Gender Symmetry? Why the Dual-Earner/Dual-Carer Model May Not Be Every Feminist's Utopia," in *Gender Equality*, edited by J. Gornick and M. Meyers. New York: Verso pp.129-160.
- Orloff, A.S. (2009) "[Gendering the Comparative Analysis of Welfare States: An Unfinished Agenda](#)", *Sociological Theory* 27: 317-343.
- Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society* (2018) Special Section: The Good life and the bad. A discussion, 25 (1): 1-49
<https://academic.oup.com/sp/issue/25/1?browseBy=volume>

Depending on the paper topic, students are encouraged to complement the reading list with relevant books/articles. The list below can serve as a starting point.

Further Readings

- Anderson, B (2010) 'Mobilizing migrants, making citizens: migrant domestic workers as political agents', *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 1: 60-74.
- Bonoli, G. & Natali, D. (2012) (eds.) *The Politics of the New Welfare State*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Daly, M. and Lewis, J. (2005) "The concept of social care and the analysis of contemporary welfare states", *British Journal of Sociology*, 2: 281-298.
- Daly, M. (2010) 'Families versus states/markets', in F.G. Castles, S. Leibfried, J. Lewis, H. Obinger and C. Pierson (eds) *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Welfare States*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 139-51.
- Ellingsæter Anne Lise och Arnlaug Leira (2006) *Politicising parenthood in Scandinavia. Gender relations in welfare states*. Bristol. Policy Press.
- Fink, J. and Lundqvist, Å (eds) (2010) *Changing Relations of Welfare. Family, Gender and Migration in Britain and Scandinavia*, Aldershot: Ashgate.

- Hemerijck, A. (2012) *Changing Welfare States*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Hobson, B., J. Lewis and B. Siim (2008) *Contested Concepts in Gender and Social Politics*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
- Jenson, J. (2010) "Diffusing Ideas for After Neoliberalism: The Social Investment Perspective in Europe and Latin America", *Global Social Policy*, 10: 59-84.
- Korpi, W. (2000) 'Faces of Inequality: Gender, Class, and Patterns of Inequalities in Different Types of Welfare States', *Social Politics*, 7 (2): 127–191, <https://doi.org/10.1093/sp/7.2.127>
- Korpi, W. and Palme, J. (2003) 'New politics and class politics in the context of austerity and globalization: Welfare state regress in 18 countries, 1975-1995', *American Political Science Review*, 3: 425-446.
- Leira, A. (2002) *Working Parents and the Welfare State: Family Change and Policy Reform in Scandinavia*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Lewis, J. (2001) *The End of Marriage: Individualism and Intimate Relations*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
- Lewis, J. (2009) *Work–family balance, gender and policy*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
- Lundqvist, Å. (2017) *Transforming Gender and Family Relations. How Active Labour Market Policies Shaped the Dual Earner Model*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
- Lundqvist, Å. (2011) *Family Policy Paradoxes. Gender equality and labour market regulation in Sweden, 1930-2010*. Bristol: Policy Press.
- Lutz, H. (ed.) (2008) *Migration and Domestic Work. A European perspective on a global theme*. Aldershot: Ashgate.
- Mahon, R. (2002) "Child Care: Toward What kind of "Social Europe"?" *Social Politics*, 9: 343-379.
- Melby, K., A-B. Ravn and C. Carlsson Wetterberg (2008) (eds) *Gender Equality and Welfare Politics in Scandinavia: The Limits of Political Ambition?* Bristol: Policy Press.
- Morgan, K. J. (2005) "The Production of Child Care: How Labour Markets Shape Social Policy and Vice Versa", *Social Politics*, 2: 243–63.
- Morel, N., B. Palier, and J. Palme (2011) *Towards a Social Investment Welfare State? Ideas, Policies and Challenges*. Bristol: Policy Press.
- Orloff, A. (1996) "Gender in the Welfare State" *Annual Review of Sociology*, 1: 51-78.
- Pascall, G. (2012) *Gender Equality in the Welfare State*. Bristol: Policy Press.
- Pierson, P. (2001) 'Coping with permanent austerity. Welfare state restructuring in affluent democracies', in idem, ed., *The New Politics of the Welfare State*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 410-456.
- Pierson, C. (2006) *Beyond the Welfare State? The New Political Economy of Welfare*. Cambridge: Polity Press.
- Starke, P. (2006) "The Politics of Welfare State Retrenchment. A Literature Review", *Social Policy and Administration*, 1: 104-120.
- Schäfer, A. & Streeck, W. (2013) (eds.) *Politics in the Age of Austerity*. Cambridge: Polity Press.