**Questions for students to work with**:

1. What is welfare?
2. What is a welfare state?
3. Is welfare regimes a useful device – and if yes why?
4. What are central criteria to distinguish welfare regimes?
5. Describe the three worlds of welfare capitalism and discuss your country’s position and whether it fits into all characteristics?
6. What is and how to understand convergence in welfare states?
7. What has been the criticism of the typologizing of welfare states?
8. What is the difference between public, fiscal and occupational welfare?
9. What is the conditions for and impact of using market and free-choice in delivery of welfare?
10. What is the difference between in-kind and in-cash benefits?
11. What is universalism?
12. What is the welfare states role in relation to equality
13. Describe the possible roles of market types instruments in the public sector
14. What is the welfare mix, and is it the same in all welfare states? Describe the differences.
15. What is social capital and how should it be defined and measured?
16. What is the role of families and the voluntary sector in modern societies?
17. Is there a connection between social capital and well-being?
18. What is the main challenge of the expected demographic changes?
19. In what way can the financing of the welfare state influence economic development?
20. What is the main ways of financing the welfare states?
21. What has been the impact of the growing international economic connectedness?
22. Discuss expected change in responsibilities in the welfare states and reasons therefore
23. What is the central area of influence from the European Union?
24. What is the evidence hierarchy and how can it be useful?
25. What is nudging?
26. Present different approaches and development in the governance of the welfare states
27. Do you think there is a future for the welfare state – and then what kind of future?
28. What is the demographic challenge?
29. What are the global and regional (European) challenges for welfare states?
30. What is social inclusion/exclusion – give examples