**Essay questions and possible questions for class activities:**

Essay questions:

What is welfare? And explain how the understanding of welfare can influence welfare policy.

What is the Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism?

Describe the main similarities and differences among the three worlds of welfare.

What is the criticism of the welfare models?

What is public, fiscal and occupational welfare? And, what is the implication for equality using these three different approaches.

What is market failure?

What is the welfare triangle?

Explain the welfare mix and changes herein over the years in different welfare states.

Discuss the main goals of financing the welfare states –and possible instruments and their impact in reaching these goals

What is government failure?

What is the principal-agent theory – and what can it be used for?

Describe the public sector direct spending on social welfare in your country?

What support is there for welfare through the tax-system or on being on the labour market in your home country.

What is voluntary failure?

Discuss different types of steering including new types of steering and managing welfare states.

Use different theories and approaches to explain the position in society for:

People with disabilities, elderly or men/women

What is the position and role of gender in welfare states

How and to what extend can the EU influence national welfare states and what instruments are available

Discuss how to measure and understand equality

Present theories of justices and how this relates to welfare states

What is social inclusion/exclusion and give examples hereof from one or more countries

How can evidence be used in social policy, and, is the best type of evidence

**Further possible tasks for students:**

There is many possible task using the many external databases, cf. the overview hereof. Below is just an indication of possible comparative task and a few examples of discussion points.

Make a figure based upon Eurostat data for the growth in GDP and level of unemployment in one or more countries within the EU.

Find the data for the development in unemployment in a country from the various welfare state models the last 5 years – and discuss reasons for this development.

Are different age groups specifically influenced by the development?

Present the development in social spending overall and on different specific areas. Discuss possible reasons for these developments.

How is the welfare state financed in your country – is this the same as in other countries?

Try to find information on the hidden welfare state in your country, and discuss why it might be difficult to find.

Discus the position in relation to inclusion/exclusion for one or several of the following groups:

Migrant

People with Disabilities

Older people

Young men

Women

Discuss how to understand justice, and give examples of what is seen as just and unjust outcome.

What are the moral limits to market provision of goods and services – give examples.