

About

This website contains the books first chapter, in which an overview of the book can be found. There is further, below, a suggestion for a teaching plan, including power points for five lectures and possible suggestions for extensions. There are also suggestions for essay questions and class activities, and an overview of databases etc.

A teaching plan.

This teaching plan can be used to present the core concepts and ideas about welfare and welfare states. It can be supplemented with activities in class and more specific topics can be added, cf. below. There are power-points to the first five lectures. These can be expanded by inserting more national specific power-points in order to present national structure and approaches to welfare. A list of topics below can also be used in order to expand the number of lectures for a course on welfare, and welfare states.

Lecture 1: What is welfare – and different understandings of welfare – including central understandings of the concept

In this lecture is presented what welfare is, including different perceptions of the idea. This also includes how this can influence our understandings of different welfare societies. Furthermore, is presented central concepts and how they can be used to understand the way welfare states are functioning, including possible and different institutional structures of welfare states.

Literature: Chapter 1 and 2

Lecture 2: What is welfare states and welfare regimes

This lecture will present different definitions and understanding of what welfare states are, and also how to interpret welfare regimes, including empirical analysis of different welfare regimes. The different regimes will be contrasted to each other and by this one should be able to get a better grasp of how to understand different countries approach to welfare. There is a focus – on the role of the state in order to achieve different goals in welfare states.

Literature: Chapter 3+5

Lecture 3: State, market and civil society

Here the focus is on the welfare triangle, e.g. state, market and civil society, and how this can be used also in order to understand different welfare states, including how the balance between state, market and civil society has changed over time. Focus will especially be on the market, including the labour market, and the civil society's role and possible position in different welfare states. Different ways to finance welfare and how this can be used as instruments including incentives/disincentives will be shown. Finally, how welfare can be used in order to achieve various goals in welfare states will be discussed.

Literature: Chapter 4-8 (minus 5)

Lecture 4: Equality, inequality, and different group's position in a welfare society

Equality has been a central point of departure in many countries over time, and, has also been central in many welfare states. It will be described how to understand equality and inequality and how this can be measured. Furthermore, the lecture will also point to how different groups position in a welfare society can be understood, including how this relates to inclusion/exclusion in a society.

Literature: Chapter 9-10

Lecture 5: New ways of steering and governance in the public sector and possible influence from the EU.

Focus is on new ways of steering such as nudging, evaluation and evidence and internal steering in the public sector. The increased role of the EU in relation to the development and possible national degrees of freedom is also shown.

Literature: Chapter 11-13

Possible thematic presentations related to central policy areas are presented below. The starting point for these lectures can be found in Greve, B. (ed.) (2013), *The Routledge Handbook of the Welfare State*.

Social Security (Frans Pennings, Chapter 31)

Housing, housing polic, and inequality (Gregg M. Olsen, Chapter 32)

Health Care (Claus Wendt, Chapter 33)

Old age and pensions (Karl Hinrichs, Chapter 34)

Disability (Bjørn Hvinden, Chapter 35)

Family Policies (Chiara Saraceno,. Chapter 36)

Risk and the management of crime (David Denney, Chapter 37)

Methodological approaches to analyse welfare states and welfare regimes can be found in:

States of health: Welfare regimes, health and health care (Clare Bambra, Chapter 26)

How to analyse welfare states and their development (Barbara Vis, Chapter 27)

Drivers for change (Virginies Guiraudon, Claude Martin, Chapter 28)

Real-typical and ideal-typical methods in comparative social policy (Christain Aspalter, Chapter 29).