

Social Policy

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Course description

The course aims to provide basic and introductory knowledge on the subject of social policy. The historical origins of the welfare state and the socio-economic context that led to its emergence and development are examined and the theoretical and methodological approaches concerning the role of social policy in contemporary societies are analyzed. A critical review of specific social policies in areas such as social insurance, poverty and social exclusion, employment, health care, etc is attempted under the prism of the different welfare regimes (Nordic, Continental, Liberal, Southern European, etc.). Emphasis is given on the new challenges that the welfare state has to confront with, including demographic ageing, globalization, social and economic changes, and the proposals for reforming social protection systems are discussed.

Required reading

- Sakellariopoulos Th., (2011), Social policy issues. Athens: Dionikos.
- Sakellariopoulos Th., (ed.), (1999), The reform of the welfare state, Volume A'. Athens: Kritiki.