

Spring Semester 2017, Erasmus Course

CEE 344 European Employment and Social Policy, ECTS 6

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Location: Class no.124, Faculty of Political Sciences

Course Description:

Technological change, globalisation, and the economic crisis are transforming European societies. In this course, the role of European Union (EU) employment and social policies in solving the problems of those who are affected negatively by recent changes will be investigated. In addition, the course will address the impact of the the Lisbon Strategy to attract more people into employment and adapting social protection systems to the challenges of globalisation and mobility.

Course Objectives

The aims of this course are to introduce employment and social policies, provide an overview of social and labour market policies in Europe, understand current problems of social Europe, and explore issues such as minimum wage and labour cost, redistribution and income inequality, intergenerational mobility and education.

Course Methodology

The theoretical framework of the course will be provided by the professor and supplemented by the required readings. The students will be expected to read the assigned articles/chapters in advance of the class and participate in discussion. Course requirements include written summaries of assigned articles, class presentations, and a written final examination.

Course Outline

1. Introduction to the European Union
2. Discussion of EU Social Policy
3. Study of contemporary issues in employment and social policy:
 - Poverty, Inequality and Social Exclusion
 - Demographic Trends and Retirement Policies
 - Anti-Discriminatory Policy
 - The European Employment Strategy and the Concept of the Flexicurity
 - Active Labour Market Policies
 - Enlargement of the EU and Impacts of the EU rules on the working life: Comparative Studies
4. Role of Globalization in Shaping the Future Social and Labour Market Policies in Europe.

Methods for Assessments and Evaluation

40% Article presentations in class

60% Term paper + Final exam (Take-home)

COURSE MATERIAL WILL BE GIVEN BY THE PROFESSOR

RECENT ARTICLES WILL BE GIVEN IN CLASS

SUGGESTED READINGS

Alcock C., et al. *Introducing Social Policy*, 2nd Edition.,2008.

Bochelv. H.,et al., *Social Policy, Themes, Issues and Debates*, 2nd. Edition., Burgoon, 2009.

Breidahl , Karen N. and Christian Albrekt Larsen, “The myth of unadaptable gender roles: Attitudes towards women’s paid work among immigrants across 30 European countries” *Journal of European Social Policy* , 2016, Vol. 26(5) 387– 401.

Nolan, Brian ,“What Use is ‘Social Investment’?”, *Journal of European Social Policy*, December 2013 23: 459-468.

Toshkov Dimiter, “Transposition of EU Social Policy in The New Member States,” *Journal of European Social Policy*,2007, 17: 335.

Whyman, Philip at all, “The Political Economy of the European Social Model”, *Routledge Studies in the European Economy*, 26. New York: Routledge, 2012.