

# COURSE DETAIL

## THEORIZING SOCIAL WELFARE

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

University of Bristol

**Program(s)**

University of Bristol

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

142

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

THEORIZING SOCIAL WELFARE

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

SOCIAL WELFARE

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

**Course Description**

The course examines the big questions about social welfare's current developments and future prospects. The "state" in this case implies the economic conditions and the political and institutional environments in which welfare operates. It explores the relevance of key theoretical contributions to the understanding of welfare origins, trajectories, and futures. It examines the contributions of Marxism, Varieties of Capitalism, Social Reproduction Theory, and The New Political Economy of Welfare, with a particular focus on the contributions of Polanyi, Foucault, Thelen, and Schmidt. In looking at the current period it exams welfare in crisis and welfare retrenchment and resilience and considers recent debates about labor market change, social differentiation, and dualism. The institutional environment is examined in the decommodification and recommodification of welfare and a review of international experience explores the varieties of liberalization.

**Language(s) of Instruction**

English

**Host Institution Course Number**

SPOL20059

**Host Institution Course Title**

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**Host Institution Course Details**

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**Host Institution Campus****Host Institution Faculty**

School for Policy Studies

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

**Course Last Reviewed**

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