Course title

Programme (contents of the course). Syllabus and examination program are divided into three parts, connected to each other:
The first part, "Getting Started: The Livelihood of man, the social question and the origins of welfare state", presents an historical and socio-economic analysis of the development of welfare systems from the earliest forms of livelihood organization, of social assistance, and of social construction of poverty and of the poor.
The second part, "Institutional: Systems and welfare policies in a comparative perspective," provides and analysis of the current policies and welfare systems, of their operations, and the factors of crisis and transformations underway. It is aimed at comparing the European countries and highlighting the peculiarity of the Italian case.
The third part, "Research: Problems and prospects for the welfare of the XXI Century", offers an in-depth study and elaboration on some important topics. There are three options among which the student must choose one:
• Option 1: "Social Policy, Social Work and the Ecological issue: towards a sustainable welfare?"
• Option 2: "Migration Processes, integration and multiculturalism in Europe"
• Option 3: "Policies against poverty between activation programmes and minimum income schemes"

Bibliography (Required texts):
I PART – Getting Started: The Livelihood of man, the social question and the origins of welfare state
• E. Morlicchio, Sociologia della povertà, Bologna, Il Mulino, 2012. To be prepared: Only the “Premessa“ (Introduction) and the Chapters 1, 2, 3, 6.

II PART – Institutional: Systems and welfare policies in a comparative perspective

III PART – Research: Problems and prospects for the welfare of the XXI Century. Chose one option between the following:
• I. Gough, Heat, Greed and Human Need. Climate Change, Capitalism and Sustainable Wellbeing, Eward Elgar, Cheltenham, 2017. Only the Chapter 5 "From welfare states to climate mitigation states?".
• A text of your choice between (a) and (b):


Option 2: "Migration Processes, integration and multiculturalism in Europe"


- F. Campomori, *La "grande invasione"? Percezioni sbagiate e dati veri sull’immigrazione*, Social Cohesion Notes, 15 febbraio 2018, downloadable from the course web page, at the professor’s institutional website

Option 3: "Policies against poverty between activation programmes and minimum income schemes"


- H. Frazer, E. Marlier, *Enhancing the potential contribution of minimum income schemes to a more Social Europe*, Politiche Sociali / Social policies • n. 3/2016, pp. 519-536.

- M. Natili, *Il Reddito d’Inclusione: importante...che sia solo il primo passo*, Social Cohesion Fact Sheets & Policy Memos, downloadable from the course web page, at the professor’s institutional website

**Methodological indications.** Lectures are based on theoretical-active teaching methods, mainly based on Action-Research methods for learning and integrated use of Theory, Experience, Reflection. Lessons include mixes of oral presentations, practical exercises, discussion and comparison.

**Exam mode.** Exams are based on oral test according to the art. 23 of University Regulations on Teaching Activity. The third part of the program can be addressed in a different way, consisting of a group oral presentation (up to 3 people) to be performed in the classroom based on the contents of the texts of the chosen option. Those who choose this way will not be asked to answer questions on the third part of the programme during the individual exam. Group presentations can be made in one of the three planned days per year. Dates and other informations can be found on Professor’s Institutional website. At the student’s choice it is possible to take the exam in English.

**Indications for non-attendants.** All the Students, particularly Non-attending students, Not Italian Native Speakers and Erasmus Students, are encouraged to get as soon as possible all the informations about courses, exams and other teaching issues from the Professor’s Institutional website [https://people.unipi.it/matteo_villa/](https://people.unipi.it/matteo_villa/). To clarify any possible doubt, getting further information about courses, lectures and examinations held by Prof. Villa, or to discuss the syllabuses you can write an e-mail to matteo.villa@unipi.it or access to the Office Hour (see schedules and variations on the same website).
Course Web Page: https://people.unipi.it/matteo_villa/sistemi-di-welfare-comparati/

Note. Students are encouraged to carefully check the institutional Professor’s web site to find additional information on programs and on their validity for courses of previous Academic Years and information on where to find the required texts.

Attention: Students are not authorized to use unofficial handouts or photocopies beyond legal limits for preparing exams.

Where to find texts:

- The texts of the first and second parts are sections of volumes or entire volumes available at the Political Science library.
- The texts of the third part can be downloaded directly from the Internet where indicated, or they are chapters of volumes available at the Library of Political Sciences or journal articles accessible through the University Library System (see the Lecturer’s Website for information on the library.
- Texts are also generally purchasable through bookshops, online shops and magazine sites.