

## COMPARATIVE WELFARE SYSTEMS

2020-21 L-36 6 ECTS

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### Course title

*Social Policy Systems in a comparative perspective: development, crisis, transformation and new challenges.*

**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 an 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 crisis: towards a sustainable welfare?"
- *Option 2*: "Migration Processes, integration, multiculturalism and social work"
- *Option 3*: "Policies against poverty between activation programmes and minimum income schemes"

In addition to the texts to be prepared, for each option a *short non-compulsory reading* is proposed on the Coronavirus crisis (Covid-19) related to the topic of the options themselves.

### Bibliography (Required texts):

I PART – *Getting Started: The Livelihood of man, the social question and the origins of welfare state*

- K. Polanyi, *La sussistenza dell'uomo*, Einaudi, Torino 1983. Preparare solo Introduzione e capitoli I, II, III, IV.. EN Edition: *The Livelihood of Man*. Academic Press, New York. Only the Introduction and the Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4.
- G. Simmel, *Il povero*, Qualsiasi edizione (Es.: Armando, Bollati Boringhieri, Comunità, Mimesis). EN Edition: *The Poor*, Social Problems, Vol. 13, No. 2 (Autumn, 1965), pp. 118-140.
- E. Morlicchio, *Sociologia della povertà*, Bologna, Il Mulino, 2012 (second edition: 2020). To be prepared: Only the Chapter 1 "Le origini della povertà come questione sociale"

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

- C. Ranci, E. Pavolini, *Le politiche di welfare*, Bologna, Il Mulino, 2015.

III PART – *Research: Problems and prospects for the welfare of the XXI Century*. Chose one option between the following:

Option 1: "Social Policy, Social Work and the Ecological issue: towards a sustainable welfare?"

- G. Bateson: *Steps to an Ecology of Mind*, Chandler publications, New York, 1972. Only the Chapters (VI Part): "The Roots of Ecological Crisis", "Ecology and Flexibility"

in Urban Civilization”

- M. Villa, *Crisi ecologica e nuovi rischi sociali: verso una ricerca integrata in materia di politica sociale e sostenibilità*, in Tomei G. (a cura di), *Le reti della conoscenza nella società globale*, Carocci, Roma, 2020 (capitolo 6)
- M. Villa. *The transformative role of the social investment welfare state towards sustainability. Criticisms and potentialities in fragile areas*, *Sociologia e Politiche Sociali*, N. 3/2016, DOI: [10.3280/SP2016-003003](https://doi.org/10.3280/SP2016-003003) (rivista cartacea)
- *Reading*: Villa M., *Dire, fare, pensare qualcosa di diverso: il Coronavirus come crisi ecologica*, [Scienza e Pace Magazine](#), aprile 2020

Option 2: "Migration Processes, integration, multiculturalism and social work"

- P. Kennet, N.Lendvai-Baiton, *Handbook of European Social Policy*, Edward Elgar, Cheltenham, 2017. Only the chapter 23: T. Modood, "Integration and Multiculturalism in Western Europe".
- F. Campomori, T. Caponio, *Immigration and Social Inequalities: Italian Integration Policies Revisited*, *Politiche Sociali / Social Policies*, n. 1/2015, pp. 43-58. <https://www.rivisteweb.it/doi/10.7389/79534>
- M. Ambrosini, F. Campomori, *La controversia dell'asilo: politiche di accoglienza e solidarietà contro i confini*, *Politiche Sociali / Social Policies* (ISSN 2284-2098), Fascicolo 2, maggio-agosto 2020. <https://www.rivisteweb.it/doi/10.7389/97985>
- E. Barberis, P. Boccagni, *Il lavoro sociale con le persone immigrate*, Maggioli Editore, Santarcangelo di Romagna, 2017. Only the chapter 1, pp. 17-30 (excluding § 4).
- IDOS, *Dossier Statistico Immigrazione*, Synthesis, downloadable from: [https://people.unipi.it/matteo\\_villa/sistemi-di-welfare-comparati/#D-title](https://people.unipi.it/matteo_villa/sistemi-di-welfare-comparati/#D-title)
- *Reading*: R. Bazurli, F. Campomori, C. Marchetti, *Dall'emergenza sanitaria alla sanatoria: la condizione degli immigrati nella pandemia*, in *Social Cohesion Papers*, 3/2020, "COVID-19 e la sfida della coesione in Italia", pp. 32-40. Downloadable from: <https://osservatoriocoesionese.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Quaderno-collettivo-COVID.pdf> or [https://people.unipi.it/matteo\\_villa/sistemi-di-welfare-comparati/#D-title](https://people.unipi.it/matteo_villa/sistemi-di-welfare-comparati/#D-title)

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

- L. Leone, F. Mazzeo Rinaldi, G. Tomei, *Misure di contrasto alla povertà e condizionalità. Una sintesi realista delle evidenze*, FrancoAngeli, Milano 2017. Only the Chapter 2.
- 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. <https://www.rivisteweb.it/doi/10.7389/84851>
- G.B. Sgritta, *Politiche e misure della povertà: il reddito di cittadinanza*, *Politiche Sociali / Social Policies*, n. 1/2020, pp. 39-56 <https://www.rivisteweb.it/doi/10.7389/97334>
- M. Villa, V.F. Johansen, *What difference does the context of activation make? Challenges and innovations in the Italian and Norwegian local welfare*. *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*, Vol. 39 Issue: 5/6, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJSSP-11-2018-0196>
- *Reading*: G. Busilacchi, *Le misure di contrasto alla povertà durante l'emergenza COVID-19*, *Politiche Sociali / Social Policies* (ISSN 2284-2098), Fascicolo 2, maggio-

agosto 2020. <https://www.rivisteweb.it/doi/10.7389/97994>

**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. Whether online (remote teaching) it will be adapted to the possibilities offered by the available tools, trying to encourage the active participation of students. Information will be available on the lecturer's website: [https://people.unipi.it/matteo\\_villa/](https://people.unipi.it/matteo_villa/)

**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, a practical exam consisting of a group oral presentation (2 or 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 information can be found on Lecturer's Institutional website at the page Studenti > Esami.

At the student's choice it is possible to take the exam in English.

Depending on the security and organizational conditions related to the Covid-19 pandemic, oral and practical tests will be handled online or in attendance. Information on the lecturer's website [https://people.unipi.it/matteo\\_villa/](https://people.unipi.it/matteo_villa/) and on [Valutami](#).

**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 (see below). To clarify any possible doubt, getting further information about courses, lectures and examinations held by the lecturer, or to discuss the syllabuses you can write an e-mail or access to the Office Hour (see below).

#### **Where to find more information:**

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.

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Lecturer institutional website: [https://people.unipi.it/matteo\\_villa/](https://people.unipi.it/matteo_villa/)

Course Web Page: [https://people.unipi.it/matteo\\_villa/sistemi-di-welfare-comparati/](https://people.unipi.it/matteo_villa/sistemi-di-welfare-comparati/)

Other students' info: [https://people.unipi.it/matteo\\_villa/studenti/](https://people.unipi.it/matteo_villa/studenti/)

#### **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.