

# JSB106

# THE WELFARE STATE AND CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL CHALLENGES



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The course aims to provide a systemic understanding of social policy responses to the challenges faced by welfare states in Europe in the 21st century and will present the characteristics and evolution of the so-called European social model. Students will briefly be introduced to the different types of welfare states within Europe. They will subsequently learn about key social policies, such as those targeting unemployment, family policies, income support, old-age pensions and long-term care. We will look in detail at how European countries address different social challenges and discuss specific welfare state reforms in light of contemporary economic and political developments. Students will also become acquainted with the social dimension of the European Union, and its role in fostering the development of social policy of its member states.



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