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In the years following World War II, the concept of State Welfare did seem to be the golden mean between Marxian revolution and laissez faire evolution in the human pursuit of social justice. Western democratic states that upheld the primacy of the individual and his liberty over that of the 'State' operationalized State responsibility for welfare on the basis of social policies compatible with their socio-political and economic systems. This resulted in the coming into existence of a large number of services rendered by the State to its citizens touching all aspects of their lives, cutting through informal, intermediary institutions, and developing a direct link with it. The focus of this study is on these services in two such states, i.e., the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Their provision and administration for ethnic minorities that form part of their national communities is dealt with in particular. The Netherlands and the United Kingdom have constitutional monarchical systems based on the sovereignty of the people. Liberalism is an underlying sociological base for their societies. Both had acquired overseas colonies which resulted in the settlement of people with ethnic origins different from their dominant group within their national communities. These factors make the two comparable. However, the ideological basis, social and economic forces and movements that led to the establishment of State welfare in the two states differ significantly. The study reveals that their particular ideological positions on State-Society relations have a significant impact on social policies adopted by them and in the modalities of their implementation. The British stand on assimilation in one dominant culture and the Dutch stand on integration with acceptance of pluralism throw up

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the genuine problems in the harmonization of social policy in a United Europe of the future.

Considering the principles underlying social welfare provision, this text surveys the main schools of thought in this area, from the New Right and Democratic Socialism through to feminist and green thinking. This edition takes into account the changes in thinking about social welfare provision.

This book explains why modern western welfare states come in three variants: a liberal-residual regime (Anglo-Saxon countries); a generous universalist, redistributive regime (Scandinavia); a generous, occupationally fragmented and non-redistributive regime (continental Europe). The presence or absence of religious conflicts which led to the formation of religious parties is a key factor in these different outcomes.

This original analysis of the creation of new state forms critically examines the political forces that enabled 'more and better management' to be presented as a solution to the problems of the welfare state in Britain. Examining the micro-politics within public service, the authors draw links between politics, policies and organizational power to present an incisive and dynamic account of the restructuring of social welfare. Clarke and Newman expose the tensions and contradictions in the managerial state and trace the emergence of new dilemmas in the provision of public services. They show that these problems are connected to the recurring difficulties in defining 'the public' that receives these services. In partic

Women and the Welfare State approaches the question of welfare policy from an entirely fresh perspective. In it the author argues that an appreciation of the way in which women are defined by welfare policies, and have been since the beginnings of the Industrial Revolution, is essential to a true understanding of the nature of those policies and of the Welfare State. An important, possible the most important,

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function of welfare policy has been to promote and retain a particular form of the family; indeed, one can define the Welfare State as the State organization of domestic life. To illustrate her arguments the author looks at the development of State welfare intervention from the early nineteenth century to the present day and relates it to the changing position of women, children, and of the family. The traditional Marxist view is modified by a theory of the position of women and by relating changing welfare policies and beliefs about welfare both to the women's movements of the past century and to the ideas and theories of the contemporary Women's Liberation Movement. In her approach Elizabeth Wilson argues – uniquely among writers on the Welfare State – for an emphasis on the ideology of welfare.

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Market reforms have quite notably been used as a solution to increase the quality of public services and efficiency since the 1990s. Sweden has also introduced marketisation in the field of elderly care since 1992 to cope with increasing care needs while maintaining costs at a reasonable level. Yet, the introduction of a market mechanism in the welfare state is subject to increasing political and public debates. Many are sceptical about the purported benefits of a market, such as increased quality and reduced costs, as proposed by New Public Management. There have also been increasing critiques of the profit-making in care services in recent years. After two decades of marketisation, it is worthwhile to map out local politicians' attitude patterns, namely, how they perceive the use of a market or quasi-market in a welfare state, where the market mechanism might challenge traditional principles such as universalism, solidarity, and equality. Complementary to studies on attitudes of public welfare, this research uses a unique survey dataset from 2014 to expand current

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understandings of politicians' perspectives of marketisation. To be more specific, this study analyses three different aspects of marketisation: production, regulation, and financing. The results show that attitudinal differences between left- and right-wing politicians on private for-profit providers remain distinct. Political orientations of individuals, political majority in municipalities, and the privatisation level already achieved locally are identified as important factors in explaining local politicians' willingness to privatise further. The preference differences continue to exist between the two blocs, and political ideology plays a major role in explaining these differences, more so than individual factors such as age, gender, or working position. Self-reported answers reveal that political ideology influences attitude formation. To a large extent, left- and right-wing politicians agree on welfare principles such as universalism, and they both recognise potential impacts that the market could have on society, such as inequality. It seems plausible that welfare state pluralism is the direction of the future. This case study serves as a solid example for examining the market development of public welfare in advanced welfare states and also contributes to the discussion of the potential role of political ideology in post-austerity welfare reforms.

Shapiro seeks to provide an understanding of the crisis in education in the 1980s and beyond by exploring the interconnection between educational policy and the structure of economic, political and cultural life in the United States, as well as in other developed capitalist societies. In arguing that educational policy is the effect of the continuing and contradictory political and ideological struggles, he presents the dialectical nature of the process through which educational policy and practices emerge. In doing so, he suggests the possibilities of radical intervention in public education during a period of conservative restoration.

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Public Opinion, Ideology, and State Welfare Routledge
Kegan & Paul
The Relational Nordic Welfare State
Between Utopia and Ideology
Edward Elgar Publishing

Little noticed by much of the world, France, during the 1960s and 1970s, developed into one of the most generous welfare states in the world. This book describes and explains this spectacular growth, and examines some of the problems that have emerged in its wake. The distinguished contributors to this volume are: Douglas E. Ashford (University of Pittsburgh), David R. Cameron (Yale University), Bruno Jobert (National Center for Scientific Research), Rmi Lenoir (University of Paris), Nathan H. Schwartz (University of Louisville), and David Wilsford (Georgia Institute of Technology).

Seminar paper from the year 2004 in the subject Economics - Case Scenarios, grade: 1,0 (A), Stellenbosch University (Department of Economics), course: Modern Economic Systems and Global Capitalism, 23 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: What has happened, that still has an influence on recent policy of even more left-winged parties as Labour in Britain as the following statement shows? "The Labour (Party) has moved to the right since 1983 is undeniable (...). Is it best explained as an updating of socialism in the face of modernity? Or else as Tory clothes-stealing, a necessary or unnecessary concession to political enemies in the interest of securing an electoral victory?"² Therefore the goal of this thesis will be to fathom the position of this new economic agenda, called 'New-Right', which has at a stretch been

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adopted by the most former left from the centre positioned parties in the Western World. Of which kind is this strong ideology that caused the crisis of the "New Left" by cutting back the state and the welfare state. This thesis shall furthermore give an idea to what extend did Thatcherism influence the observable substantial change and to what extend were the targets of this ideology achieved successfully or not. But to do so, it is first necessary to give an short overview on the development of state intervention in the shape of the welfare state with a main focus on Britain. Accordingly main economic thoughts and their ideology on social welfare will be illuminated briefly. After elementary information is provided Thatcherism, meaning its ideas, ideology, main aims and critics of interventionism will be introduced. By doing so it will be possible to evaluate how successful Mrs. Thatcher and the Tories were in rolling back the state. To conclude the recent situation of the "New Left" as political agenda will be touched on. Whenever a university modernized to become a research institute the philosophy department turned to idealism. Idealism inspired the secularization of the social sciences into History, Political Science, and Economics, which were used by the government to create the welfare state. There used to be a consensus between socialism, liberalism and conservatism as to its need. I go into the past

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arguments in depth as a task of retrieving a way of thinking that no longer seems to be with us. The dominant ideology since the collapse of communism has been neoliberalism. In the 80s the welfare state was cut back, though not eliminated. The rationale behind the welfare state changed for the left. The state was to encourage healthy risk-taking by investing in 'human capital' while accepting free markets. Did neoliberalism assimilate the left or was there a new form of left-wing neoliberalism?

. . . the book focuses on a very interesting and important. . . dimension of welfare analysis. . . the book provides a very rich and interesting range of analyses of the complex links between culture and welfare state. It deserves to be read both by advanced undergraduates and academics working in this area, and perhaps should also be read by policy-makers and politicians as a useful corrective to an overly economic approach to welfare in the straitened years ahead. Rob Sykes, *Social Policy and Administration* The essays in this collection advance cultural analysis of the welfare state by describing the experiences of a large array of developed nations. . . Highly recommended. D. Stoesz, *Choice Culture and Welfare State* provides comparative studies on the interplay between cultural factors and welfare policies. Starting with an analysis of the historical and cultural foundations of Western European welfare states, reflected in the

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competing ideologies of liberalism, conservatism and socialism, the book goes on to compare the Western European welfare model to those in North America, Asia and Central and Eastern Europe.

Comprehensive and engaging, this volume examines not only the relationships between cultural change and welfare restructuring, taking empirical evidence from policy reforms in contemporary Europe, but also the popular legitimacy of welfare, focusing particularly on the underlying values, beliefs and attitudes of people in European countries. This book will be of great interest to sociologists and political scientists, as well as social policy experts interested in a cultural perspective on the welfare state.

Discusses the conservative ideological and political attack on welfare in the United States. Families on welfare in the United States are the target of much public indignation from not only the general public but also political figures and the very workers whose job it is to help the poor. The question is, What explains this animus and, more specifically, the failure of the United States to prioritize a sufficient social wage for poor families outside of labor markets? The New Welfare Consensus offers a comprehensive look at welfare in the United States and how it has evolved in the last few decades. Darren Barany examines the origins of American antiwelfarism and traces how, over time,

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fundamentally conservative ideas became the dominant way of thinking about the welfare state, work, family, and personal responsibility, resulting in a paternalistic and stingy system of welfare programs. “This book provides a skilled analysis of the conservative ideology about the welfare state. By analyzing the different strands of conservative thought, Barany shows how this ideology developed and converged into its contemporary form.” — Joel Blau, author of *The Dynamics of Social Welfare Policy*, Fourth Edition

After the cuts and privatisation schemes of the past decade, the welfare state faces new challenges in the 1990s. Writers on the collectivist left, the individualistic right, and from schools of feminist thought claim that the state can no longer function as chief provider of welfare services. It is argued that changes in the economy, in the social structure and in patterns of political ideology are bringing the era of state welfare to an end. In particular, growing inequality coupled with rising living standards enhances many people's ability to pay for their own welfare services and undermines the sense of citizenship on which common provision must rely. *Social Change, Social Welfare and Social Science* provides a critical assessment of these claims and of the sociological and normative theories used to support them. It argues that the case against the welfare state is not proven and explores the reasons

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why social science in the 1980s and 1990s has devalued state welfare as yesterday's future. The book goes on to demonstrate that a forceful case for the welfare state can be made, and that this must include the advancement of women's interests as an essential component in citizenship. In presenting this evaluation of the theoretical, empirical and philosophical arguments about the role of the state in welfare provision, *Social Change, Social Welfare and Social Science* is essential reading for students and researchers of social policy and the sociology and politics of welfare, and also of interest to social workers, health professionals and civil servants. Study of the concept of welfare state as developed in England.

The success of the Nordic welfare state is well known, but the key drivers of its remarkable expansion are not. This book explores the relationships between citizens that constitute the normative groundwork of Nordic societies, arguing that the quality of relations steers welfare development.

Examines the contradictions and conflicts that characterise the welfare state by exploring three distinct orientations to the study of social welfare policy: social welfare as a function of conflicting values and ideologies; social welfare as a camouflage for inherent class, gender, and inter-group conflicts; and social welfare as a function of

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the technological bases of society. The author discusses the assets and liabilities of the 'unlimited growth' and 'limited' welfare states and compares the viability of the traditional entitlement-oriented welfare state and the means-tested welfare state.

Drawing together leading international experts such as Knut Halvorsen, Robert Y. Shapiro, Stefan Svallfors and Wim van Oorschot, this volume addresses issues of justice and legitimacy in the context of welfare state transformation. Providing a comparative

A comparative analysis of the political attitudes, values, aspirations, and identities of citizens in advanced industrial societies, this book focusses on the different ways in which social policies and national politics affect personal opinions on justice, political responsibility, and the overall trustworthiness of politicians.

A detailed portrait of ideological consensus and conflict during the period that initiated the long decline of the welfare state.

The Present Book May Be Recommended To A Very Wide Range Of Readers, Not Only Those Who Are A Specialist In Political Science But All Those Who Are Concerned As Citizens With The Social Conscience Of The Modern World.

'This book is a most timely academic intervention. The concept of universalism is central to social policy and welfare state development yet it is rarely explored with such attention to its time and place specificities as in this book. Nordic and British authors investigate the different dimensions and meanings of universalism and the challenges it has faced.

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Buffeted by markets and choice on the one side and diversity on the other, can universalism survive? To find out, read on...'

- Fiona Williams, University of Leeds, UK 'Universalism in social policy is politically challenged and normatively contested. This book examines how the principle of universalism can be understood and how it has been put into practice in various national contexts. Universalism is contrasted with the idea of diversity which has gained strength as a result of growing affluent middle classes and of multiculturalism in highly developed welfare states. The book deals with varieties of universalism and inspires a re-thinking of the normative basis of the welfare state.' - Stein Kuhnle, University of Bergen, Norway and Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany

Welfare State, Universalism and Diversity is a thought-provoking book dealing with key ideas, values and principles of social policies and asking what exactly is meant by universal benefits and policies? Is the time of post-war universalism over? Are universalism and diversity contradictory policy and theory framings? Well-known scholars from different countries and fields of expertise provide a historically informative and comprehensive view on the making of universal social policies. Universalism is defined and implemented differently in the British and Scandinavian social policies. Service universalism is different from universalism in pensions. The book underlines the multiple and transformative nature of universalism and the challenge of diversity. There certainly is need for a greater diversity in meeting citizen's needs. Yet, universalism remains a principle essential for planning and implementing sustainable and legitimate policies in times characterized by complex interdependences and contradictory political aims. This impressive book is an attempt to untangle the multiple meanings of universalism and clarify the concept's relevance to contemporary policy debates. It will prove invaluable for

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students, researchers and practitioners in social policy, public policy, social administration, social welfare, social history, social work, sociology and political sciences. Policymakers and administrators involved with social and public policies, social services, social welfare, and social work will also find this book groundbreaking.

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