

# Comparative Political Economy

## B.Sc. International Business and Politics

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#### Learning goals, exam form etc.:

Go to the formal regulation of the course: <https://kursuskatalog.cbs.dk/2021-2022/BA-BPOLO1232U.aspx>

Class schedule: go to e-campus <https://e-campus.dk/>.

The precise exam date, i.e. turn in of home assignment will be posted on e-campus.

#### Feedback

Students receive feedback in the context of workshops as well as supervision during the exam period. Feedback on the project report is provided at the oral exam.

#### COURSE PLAN

Week	Teacher	Theme	Readings
8	HB	Introduction: Comparative Political Economy and the Varieties of Capitalism (VoC) approach	Hall & Soskice (2001)
9	HB	Applications of the VoC approach: the cases of Denmark, Estonia and Slovenia	Feldman (2006) Campbell & Pedersen (2007)
9	HB	Constructivist political economy: the cases of Britain and France	Hall (1993) Clift (2012)
10	HB	Critical Political Economy: the cases of the US and Greece  <b>FORMAT: Online prerecorded</b>	Wolfson & Kotz (2010) Papadopoulou & Gouzoulis (2020)
10	HB	The growth model perspective: the cases of Germany and Sweden	Baccaro and Pontusson (2019)  Thelen (2019)

11	HB	Comparing welfare regimes	Emmenegger et al. (2015) Hemerijck (2012)
11	HB	Theory Q&A	
13	HB, AG	CPE workshop: Making puzzles and operationalizing theory	No readings, but please bring your laptops
14	CHE	The CPE of power elites	Larsen & Ellersgaard (2018)
14	LH	The CPE of Corporate Governance	Horn (2012) O'Sullivan (2003) Elomäki (2018)
16	AG	The CPE of wellbeing economy	Fioramonti et al. (2022) Roy (2021)
16	DW	The CPE of taxation	Genschel, P. (2002) Steinmo, S. (1989) Tanzi, V. (2010)
17	LS	The CPE of housing	Seabrooke & Schwartz (2008) Woods (2018)
17	HB	Conclusion + CPE and the Climate Crisis	Buch-Hansen and Carstensen (2021) Gough & Meadowcroft (2011)

## Curriculum

*There is no textbook for this course. Links to the below journal articles and electronic copies of other readings can be found on the course page on Canvas.*

Baccaro, L., & Pontusson, H. J. (2019). Social blocs and growth models: An analytical framework with Germany and Sweden as illustrative cases, *Unequal Democracies Working Papers*, <https://archive-ouverte.unige.ch/unige:116600>

Buch-Hansen, H. and M. Carstensen (2021) 'Paradigms and the political economy of ecopolitical projects: green growth and degrowth compared', *Competition & Change*.

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Genschel, P. (2002). Globalization, tax competition, and the welfare state. *Politics & society*, 30(2), 245-275.

Gough, I., & Meadowcroft, J. (2011). Decarbonizing the Welfare State. In J. S. Dryzek, R. B. Nørgaard, & D. Schlosberg (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Climate Change and Society* (pp. 1–11). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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Hall, P., & Soskice, D. (2001). An Introduction to Varieties of Capitalism. In P. Hall & D. Soskice (Eds.), *Varieties of Capitalism* (pp. 1–66). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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in the Danish Elite Networks". I *New Directions in Elite Research*, In O. Korsnes, J. Heilbron & J. Hjellbrekke, F. Bühlmann & M. Savage. London & New York: Routledge.

O'Sullivan, M. (2003). The political economy of comparative corporate governance. *Review of International Political Economy*, 10(1), 23–72.

Papadopoulou, A. & G. Gouzoulis (2020). Social Structures of Accumulation in Greece, 1980–2014, *Review of Political Economy*, 32:2, 199-215

Roy, M. J. (2021). Towards a 'Wellbeing Economy': What Can We Learn from Social Enterprise? In B. Gidron & A. Domaradzka (Eds.), *The New Social and Impact Economy* (pp. 269–284). Springer.

Seabrooke, L., & Schwartz, H. (2008). Varieties of Residential Capitalism in the International Political Economy: New Politics in Old Welfare States. *Comparative European Politics*, 6(3), 237–261.

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Woods, J. (2018). Mortgage Credit: Denmark's Financial Capacity Building Regime. *New Political Economy*. **Important: On the course page on LEARN you will find download links to the above journal articles and electronic copies of the above book chapters.**

## Suggested readings

Clift, B. (2014). *Comparative Political Economy*. London & New York: Palgrave.

McCann, L. (2014). *International and Comparative Business. Foundations of Political Economies*. Los Angeles and London: Sage.