The seminar will engage on the different ways social programs contain assumptions about gender roles and relations and are constitutive of meanings of femininity and masculinity. We will also inquire into the institutional mechanisms strengthening or weakening gender inequality in welfare states.

Requirements:

1) Reading and participation – 10%
2) Two class presentations – 20%
3) Research proposal – 20%
4) Final paper – 50%

First Topic: Defining and Conceptualizing Welfare States

Theda Skocpol and Edwin Amenta

Gosta Esping-Andersen

Second Topic: Gender Perspectives

Joan Acker
1992 "From Sex Roles to Gendered Institutions." Contemporary Sociology 21,5: 565-569.

Lynne A. Haney

Third Topic: Gendering Welfare States, Feminist Critiques and Gender Perspectives on Welfare States

Diane Sainsbury

Ann Shola Orloff
Diane Sainsbury  

**Fourth Topic: Welfare States and Family Patterns**

Birgit Pfu-Effinger  

**Fifth Topic: Welfare States and the Meanings of Femininity and Masculinity**

**a. Women as mothers, citizens and workers**

Jane Jenson  

Ann Shola Orloff  


**b. Men as workers, citizens and fathers**

Jeff Hearn  

Laura Curran and Laura S. Abrams  

**Sixth Topic: Paid and Un-Paid Work and the Welfare State: Care Work**

Julia O'Connor  

Scott Coltrane and Justin Galt
Seventh Topic: The Commodification and De-Commodification of Women and Men

Mary Daly and Katherine Rake

Tracy Warren

Eight Topic: The Welfare State and Gender Redistribution

Caren Christopher, Paula England et al

Anna C. Korteweg


Ninth Topic: The Welfare State and Power Relations within Families

Mary Daly and Katherine Ranke