

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, BGU

Course: Gender in the Welfare State

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MA Seminar

2006-2007; 2008-2009

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

1986 "States and Social Policies." *Annual Review of Sociology* 12: 131-157.

Gosta Esping-Andersen

1990 *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*, pp. 18-34. Princeton, Princeton University Press.

Second Topic: Gender Perspectives

Joan Acker

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

Lynne A. Haney

2000 "Feminist State Theory: Applications to Jurisprudence, Criminology and the Welfare State." *Annual Review of Sociology* 26: 641-666

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

Diane Sainsbury

1999 "Gender and Social-Democratic Welfare States," pp. 75-114, in: Diane Sainsbury (Ed.) *Gender and Welfare State Regimes*. Oxford, Oxford University Press.

Ann Shola Orloff

1993 "Gender and the Social Rights of Citizenship: The Comparative Analysis of Gender Relations and Welfare States." *American Sociological Review* 58 (June): 303-328.

Diane Sainsbury

1999 "Gender, Policy Regimes and Politics," pp. 246-275, in: Diane Sainsbury (Ed.) *Gender and Welfare State Regimes*. Oxford, Oxford University Press.

Fourth Topic: Welfare States and Family Patterns

Birgit Pfu-Effinger

2004 "Socio-historical Paths to the Male Breadwinner Model: an explanation of cross-national differences." *British Journal of Sociology* 55,3: 377-399.

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

a. Women as mothers, citizens and workers

Jane Jenson

1990 ""Representations of Gender: Policies to "Protect" Women Workers and Infants in France and in the United States." Pp. 152-177, in: Linda Gordon (Ed.) *Women, the State and Welfare*. Madison, Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin Press

Ann Shola Orloff

1999 "Motherhood, Work and Welfare in the United States, Britain, Canada, and Australia," pp. 321-354, in: George Steinmetz (Ed.): *State/Culture- State Formation after the Cultural Turn*. Ithaca, Cornell University Press.

Ajzenstadt, M., and J. Gal. 2001. "Appearances can be deceptive: Gender in the Israeli welfare state." *Social Politics* 8:292-324

b. Men as workers, citizens and fathers

Jeff Hearn

2002 "Men, Fathers and the State: National and Global Relations," pp. 245-272 in Barbara Hobson (Ed.) *Making Men into Fathers- Men, Masculinities and the Social Politics of Fatherhood*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

Laura Curran and Laura S. Abrams

2000 "Making Men into Dads: Fatherhood, the State and Welfare Reform." *Gender and Society* 14,5: 662-678.

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

Julia O'Connor

1996 "Caring Work: A Gendered Activity," pp. 13-29, in: Julia O'Connor *From Women in the Welfare State to Gendering Welfare State Regimes*. Contemporary Sociology 44,2.

Scott Coltrane and Justin Galt

2002 "The History of Men's Caring," pp. 15-36, in Madonna Harrington Meyer (Ed.)
Care Work- Gender, Labor and the Welfare State. London, Routledge.

Seventh Topic: The Commodification and De-Commodification of Women and Men

Mary Daly and Katherine Rake

2003 "Gender and Work," pp. 70-92 in: Mary Daly and Katherine Rake *Gender and the Welfare State*. London, Polity Press.

Tracy Warren

2001 "Divergent Female Part-Time Employment in Britain and Denmark and the Implications for Gender Equity." *Sociological Review* 49,4: 548-567.

Eight Topic: The Welfare State and Gender Redistribution

Caren Christopher, Paula England et al

2003 "The Gender Gap in Poverty in Modern Nations: Single Motherhood, the Market and the State." *Sociological Perspectives* 45,3:219-242.

Anna C. Korteweg

2003 "Welfare Reform and the Subject of the Working Mother: "Get a job, a better job, then a career." *Theory and Society* 32: 445-480.

Rosenhek, Zeev. 1999. "The Exclusionary Logics of the Welfare State: Palestinian Citizens in the Israeli Welfare State." *International Sociology* 14:195-215.

Ninth Topic: The Welfare State and Power Relations within Families

Mary Daly and Katherine Ranke

2003 "Individual Resources and Household Redistribution," pp.118-137, in: Mary Daly and Katherine Ranke *Gender and the Welfare State*. London, Polity Press.