Tutorial SP224 Kun Lee

- Who is your tutor?
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 - Ageing & social policy: pension; labour markets; family policy; Inequality
 - From Seoul, South Korea. Studied Social Welfare & Economics for BA
 - I'm here to support your study (not to assess you!)
- Please briefly introduce yourselves!
 - Why did you choose this course? What do you expect from tutorials?
- Aim of the tutorial
 - Foundational knowledge: understanding core concepts & theories
 - Critical thinking, connecting ideas & themes
 - Improving your essays → exam preparation
- Tutorial arrangements
 - 1-2 pm Friday SR1, DSPI, 32 Wellington Square
 - Adjustment for Week 2: Monday 23rd, 16:30-17:30 (?)
 - Important: attendance, readings, essays & discussion!
- Your five option topics for essays/tutorial: must be agreed on
 - List of options: Immigration; Health Policy; Poverty; Labour Market Policy;
 Education Policy; Old-age Pensions; Family Policy; Disability Policy;
 Analysing Social Policy
 - Lectures provided: immigration (W4); poverty & health care (W5); labour market policy & education policy (W6); pensions (W7); family policy (W8)
 - Week 4: Immigration & Social Policy
 - Week 5: Poverty & Social Exclusion
 - Week 6: Labour market policy
 - Week 7: Education Policy
 - Week 8: Family Policy

Essays

- Marking criteria: Knowledge & understanding; analytical ability; structure & coherence; relevance & focus
- Choose two weeks of 'essay break' among W2-8 (by today!)
- Submission by **Thursday 6pm**.
- What to do before coming
 - Submit your essay on time & prepare for one minute summary
 - Read others' essays & prepare peer feedback
 - Any puzzling, unclear concepts from the lecture ask in tutorials

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Social Policy & Welfare states

- Topics this week
 - Concept of social policy & welfare state
 - Theories of the welfare state development
 - History of the British welfare state
- Concept of social policy & welfare state
 - Social policy: political activity & academic discipline
 - Is it different from public policy? (Blavatnik School)
 - What is welfare state? What is not?
 - What are the reasons that social policy should exist (or not)?
 - To what extent can the scope of social policy/welfare state be expanded?
- Theories of the welfare state development
 - Core theories: logic of industrialism/modernisation, neo-Marxist, power resource, institutional approach
 - What question do these theories provide answers for?
 - What are the pros & cons? Which theory do you support & why?
 - To what extent welfare state changes shaped by structural vs political forces
- History of the British welfare state
 - Some historical contexts to be aware of
 - Classical liberalism (19c): principle of "less eligibility"
 - Early 20c social inquiries & welfare state developments
 - Post-war establishment of the British welfare state (Beveridge)
 - Thatcher & recalibration/retrenchment
 - New Labour: third way balancing economic efficiency & social protection
 - Recent issues: austerity, social care, intergenerational justice (triple lock in pensions), Brexit, devolved government & Coronavirus
 - Question: Looking at the historical pathway, British welfare state has transformed substantially over time. To what extent these changes were responding to socio-economic environments, outcome of political struggles, or role of ideology.
 - Given the importance of each factor, what do you think would happen in the British WS after the pandemic?
- Essay feedback
 - Relevance & Focus; Concrete examples
 - Keep paragraphs short, try not to add redundant points.
 - Causation and correlation: political philosophy as a reason or outcome?
 - Does not have to be long (2000-2500)
 - Detailed comments will be provided via email. Don't take them personally!

Any More Questions?