

## **Family Policy**

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### **1. Concepts & Goals of Family Policy**

- How do you understand family policy (definition & scope)
- Can intervention on family lives by the government justified?

### **2. Policy instruments & international variations**

- Three main types of family policy & potential impacts
- How can policies support women's employment? What are the challenges?
- Do policies significantly influence individuals' marriage & fertility decisions?
- Given that families are more diversified, what other policies can be developed?

### **3. Actors & Politics of Family Policy**

- Why are countries seeing 'convergence' in family policy?
- Who are main actors driving those changes?

### **4. Family Policy in the UK**

- What are the core characteristics of the UK approaches in family policy?
- Compare New Labour vs Coalition/Conservative Policies
- Main drivers in the policy reform: why have UK family policies experienced such transformations?

**Any More Questions?**