

SOS2402 Family, gender equality and the welfare state

Course content

This course gives an introduction to the Scandinavian/Norwegian welfare state focusing on family policies, gender equality and family change. Theoretically, the course is informed by gender perspectives on the welfare state and on families/personal relationships. Among the questions addressed are: What typifies the Scandinavian/Norwegian welfare state approach to family, gender and work?

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To what extent are family forms and practices ~~characterised~~characterized by change and diversity, in particular in relation to gender and social inequality~~class~~? How can personal relationships in families be ~~conceptualised~~conceptualized and studied from a gender equality perspective in a Scandinavian/Norwegian context?

The course examines a wide range of family policies (e.g. parental leave, daddy quotas, publicly subsidised childcare services, cash for care benefits). The course literature highlights the Scandinavian/Norwegian experience through analyses of comparative statistical data and national case studies, and by contrasting the Scandinavian experience with that of other European countries.

This course is intended for both Norwegian and international students.

Learning outcome**Knowledge**

You shall:

- Obtain knowledge about main changes in gender roles and family behavior
- obtain knowledge about main features of Scandinavian/Norwegian family policies
- acquire understanding of the importance of institutional contexts for changes in family and gender relations

Skills

You will:

- develop skills in using sociological concepts and theories to analyse the relationships between family change and gender equality in the Scandinavian/Norwegian welfare states
- discuss and make use of central sociological theories to discuss concrete political reforms, institutions and processes

General competence

- Awareness of the highly complex relationships between family change, gender equality and welfare state policies

Kommentert [TL1]: Har gjort noen språklige endringer og en presisering av læringsmål

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PENSUM

9 bidrag på pensum er tatt ut for å gjøre plass til 7 nye bidrag. Totalt utgjør de nye bidragene noe færre sider, men disse er mer komprimerte bidrag enn de som er tatt ut. Dette gjelder for eksempel at deler av en bok er tatt ut, mens korte artikler er tatt inn. Alle nye bidrag er tilgjengelig på nett. Har nå kun et bidrag på pensum som er i kompendium. Om det er ønskelig kan jeg prøve å finne en erstatte.

De nye bidragene er av nyere dato og vil gi de ulike temaene på kurset oppdatert og ny kunnskap. Jeg har også lagt inn to bidrag knyttet til COVID-19.

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