



## Module Title: Labour markets, gender and institutions 1

Module Code: **SOU44051**

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- **ECTS Weighting:10**
- **Semester/Term Taught: Michaelmas Term**
- **Contact Hours:22**
- **Module Personnel: Dr Camilla Devitt**

### Module Learning Aims and Outcomes:

On successful completion of this module, you will be able to:

- compare and contrast and critically analyse different forms of capitalism in Western Europe;
- engage in debates on the future of welfare states;
- critically analyse theories of change and continuity in contemporary work experiences;
- critically discuss different labour immigration policies in Western Europe;
- enhance your debating skills.

### Module Content:

This part of the Labour Markets, Gender and Institutions course is called **Markets, States and Work**. It introduces students to important concepts, theories and empirical research in economic sociology and the sociology of work.

The first section of the course discusses classical interpretations of the rise of 'market society' before analysing different systems of capitalism and welfare in Europe and the role of the state in shaping economies and societies and responding to pressures for institutional change.

The second section focuses on contemporary experiences of work and unemployment in Western Europe, including skills and work, services work, precarious work and carework. In particular, we engage with debates on change and continuity in working lives in 'post-industrial' Europe.

Finally, in the third section, Western European labour markets are analysed through the prism of labour migration. We examine policies on high skilled and low skilled labour immigration, as well as foreign workers' experiences in different labour markets.

### Recommended Reading List:

While there are no textbooks for the module, the following resources are useful general readings.



- Edgell, Stephen and Edward Granter. 2019. *The Sociology of Work. Continuity and Change in Paid and Unpaid Work*. London: Sage
- Edgell, S., Granter, E., & Gottfried, H. 2015. *The SAGE Handbook of the Sociology of Work and Employment*. London: Sage
- Hemerijck, Anton. 2013. *Changing Welfare States*. Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Daly, M. (2020). *Gender inequality and welfare states in Europe*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Module Pre-Requisite:

Module Co-Requisite:

### **Assessment Details:**

A **PowerPoint presentation** (20%) and a **take-home assignment** (80%).

Module Website: