

SOU44051— Labour Markets, Gender and Institutions 1

Module Information	
Module Code	SOU44051
Module Title	Labour Markets, Gender and Institutions 1
Department	Sociology
Year Group	Senior Sophister
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Academic Year	2026–27
Credit Weighting	10 credits
Semester	Semester 1
Contact Hours	1 lecture and 1 tutorial per week

Module Content	
Module Description	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.
Module Learning Aims	

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Learning Outcomes	-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.
Indicative Reading / Resources	

Assessment

Assessment Components	Take-home-assignment 80%, Presentation 20%
Assessment Details	

Additional Information

Prerequisites	None
Co-requisites	None
Any other information	