

<p>Module Title :</p>	<p>SS1766 – Introduction to Key Concepts and Issues in Social Policy (10 ECTS)</p>
	<p>This introductory module, which will run in both Michaelmas and Hilary term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semester One - Will focus on concepts and constructs shaping the field of Social Policy. • Semester Two – Will introduce students to a range of social policy issues allowing students appreciate how these concepts and constructs manifest when applied to current social concerns and contexts such as ageing, crime, housing, families, youth among others.
<p>Module Aims</p>	<p>The Introduction to Key Concepts in Social Policy module aims to introduce students to the vibrant, diverse and highly relevant field of social policy through a discussion of key contemporary concepts, themes and debates. Students will encounter key concepts relating to social and economic justice with particular reference to higher income country contexts. Core embedded principles reflecting key concerns of contemporary society will be attended to including social justice, redistribution, solidarity, social need, citizenship, diversity and life course. An understanding of the multiple contexts shaping social policy across international, supra-national, national and local levels will be developed. Students will be given an appreciation of the continuously evolving political, ethical, theoretical, and material contexts that shape social policy making. The module will equip students for deeper exploration of specific policy issues and debates as they progress in their study of social policy.</p>
<p>Learning Outcomes:</p>	<p>After this module you should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciate key principles and constructs influencing contemporary social policy in (post) welfare state contexts. • Understand the architecture framing social policy and how local policy instruments and principles

	<p>derive from international and supra-national frameworks as well as local frameworks and conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be equipped with basic conceptual tools to assess the premises and impacts of social policy instruments. • Be aware of how social policy frames and responds to a range of contemporary social issues.
Key Reading/s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcock, P., May, M. and Wright, S. (2012) <i>The Students Companion to Social Policy</i>. Chichester: Wiley. • Dean, H. (2012) <i>Social Policy</i> (2nd Edition). Cambridge: Polity. • Dwyer, P., and Shaw, S. (2014) <i>An Introduction to Social Policy</i>. London: Sage. • Kennedy, P. (2013) <i>Key Themes in Social Policy</i>. London: Routledge.
Lecturer / Timetable	<p>Dr Catherine Conlon</p> <p>Two 1 hour lectures per week Plus One tutorial per week</p>
Assessment 1: (Michaelmas Term)	Essay (Due Friday January 6th 6pm)
Assessment 2: (Hilary Term)	Essay (Due Friday April 21st 6pm)
Penalty for late submission	A penalty of 10% will be applied to students who submit essays late without an authorised extension.