

POLI 427/CANS 406: The Politics of Social Policy in Canada (3 credits)

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Other Readings

All the other readings are listed below, and they are available online through the McGill library system, MyCourses, or the URL provided at the end of the reference.

Course Requirements

There are three written assignments: 1) an in-person midterm; 2) a short paper on one of the topics suggested by the instructor (double-spaced; Chicago style with in-text citations and reference list); 3) and an in-person final exam held during McGill's official exam period.

The short paper should be double-

Academic Integrity

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Banting, Keith G. 2005. "Canada: Nation-Building in a Federal Welfare State" in Herbert Obinger, Stephan Leibfried and Frank G. Castles (eds.), *Federalism and the Welfare State: New World and European Experiences*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: 89-137. PDF available on MyCourses.

Banting, Keith and Debra Thompson. 2021. "The Puzzling Persistence of Racial Inequality in Canada," *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. doi:10.1017/S0008423921000585 Reading available on MyCourses.

Bashevkin, Sylvia. 2000. "Rethinking Retrenchment: North American Social Policy during the Early Clinton and Chrétien Years," *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 33(1): 2000: 7-36. PDF available on MyCourses.

Béland, Daniel, Shannon Dinan, Philip Rocco, and Alex Waddan. 2021. "Social Policy Responses to COVID-

CMHC. 2023. *Housing shortages in Canada: Updating how much housing we need by 2030*. Ottawa: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/professionals/housing-markets-data-and-research/housing-research/research-reports/accelerate-supply/housing-shortages-canada-updating-how-much-we-need-by-2030>

Esping-Andersen, Gøsta. 1990. *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Princeton: Princeton University Press: 9-34. Assigned material available on MyCourses.

Hacker, Jacob S. 2004. "Privatizing Risk without Privatizing the Welfare State: The Hidden Politics of Social Policy Retrenchment in the United States," *American Political Science Review* 98(2): 243-60. PDF available on MyCourses.

Hale, Geoffrey E. 1998. "Reforming Employment Insurance: Transcending the Politics of the Status Quo," *Canadian Public Policy*, 24(4): 429-451. PDF available on MyCourses.

Jacques, Olivier. 2020. "Funding the state: Taxation in Canada from a comparative political economy perspective" in Elsbeth Heaman and David Tough (eds.). *Who Pays for Canada?* Montreal-Kingston: McGill Queen's University Press. PDF available on MyCourses.

Lightman, Naomi and Courtney Baay. 2021. "Will COVID-19 finally force us to address the devaluation of long-term care workers?" *Policy Options*, March 18. URL: <https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/march-2021/will-covid-19-finally-force-us-to-address-the-devaluation-of-long-term-care-workers/>

Mahon, Rianne with Michael Prince. 2019. "From Family Allowances to the Struggle for Universal Childcare in Canada" in Daniel Béland, Gregory P. Marchildon, and Michael Prince (eds.), *Universality and Social Policy in Canada*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press: 83-102. PDF available on MyCourses.

Maioni, Antonia. 1997. "Parting at the Crossroads: The Development of Health Insurance in Canada and the United States, 1940-1965," *Comparative Politics*, 29(4): 411-431. Reading available on MyCourses.

Martin, Danielle, Ashley P Miller, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée, Nadine R Caron, Bilkis Vissandjée,

Papillon, Martin. 2019. "Segmented Citizenship: Indigenous Peoples and the Limits of Universality" in Daniel Béland, Gregory P. Marchildon, and Michael Prince (eds.). 2019. *Universality and Social Policy in Canada*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press: 137-154. PDF available on MyCourses.

Pierson, Paul. 1996. "The New Politics of the Welfare State," *World Politics*, 48(2): 143-179. PDF available on MyCourses.

Plante, Charles. 2019. "Policy or window dressing? Exploring the impact of poverty reduction strategies on poverty among the Canadian provinces," *Journal of International and Comparative Social Policy*, 35(1): 112-136. PDF available on MyCourses.

Prince, Michael. 2009. *Absent Citizens: Disability Politics and Policy in Canada*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press,

Wallner, Jennifer and Gregory P. Marchildon. “Elementary and Secondary Education: The First Universal Social Program in Canada” in in Daniel Béland, Gregory P. Marchildon, and Michael Prince (eds.). 2019.