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### Social Policy (5EN2022)

| Filières concernées   | Nombre d'heures    | Validation        | Crédits ECTS |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <b>Master en développement international des affaires</b>               | <b>Cours: 2 ph</b> | <b>écrit: 2 h</b> | <b>3</b>     |
| <b>Master en sciences économiques, orientation politique économique</b> | <b>Cours: 2 ph</b> | <b>écrit: 2 h</b> | <b>3</b>     |

ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

#### Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Printemps

#### Equipe enseignante:

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#### Objectifs:

The course is devoted to the study of social policies. It first uses economic theory and statistical methods to document real-world social problems. It then discusses critically social policies implemented to address them. The approach used is both theoretical and empirical. At the end of the course, students will be able to read and understand scientific contributions on the evaluation of social policy.

#### Contenu:

Each lecture will focus on a different social problem and the policy implemented to address it. The topics covered include poverty, education, healthcare, unemployment, workless households, wage inequality, crime and climate change. The reading for each lecture will largely be based upon articles from journals in the field of economics. By the end of the course students should have a greater understanding how different economic theory and methodological approaches may be applied to a range of social problems and policies. They should be able to interpret and critically appraise articles and data from international journals such as Fiscal Studies, the Economic Journal, Oxford Review of Economic Policy.

#### Forme de l'évaluation:

2h written exam during the exam session at the end of the semester (70%).  
20 min. presentation about a social policy application near the middle of the semester (20%).  
Class participation (10%).  
Retake: 2h written exam during the exam session (100%)

Neither documents nor connected devices are permitted during the exams.

In case of violation of these rules, the students are in situation of fraud and the unauthorized items will be removed. The exam could be deemed as failed.

#### Documentation:

There is no specific textbook for the course. We rely on original sources such as scientific journal articles, book extracts and technical reports. Readings will be made available on Claroline prior to their discussion in class.

#### Pré-requis:

None. N.B. Students who take this course as an elective have to make sure they possess the required minimal knowledge in algebra, economics and statistics. No distinction will be made between MScECON students and others in terms of evaluation criteria.

#### Forme de l'enseignement:

2-hour lecture.

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