**CARLETON UNIVERSITY**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY**

**SOCI 4810B**

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**ADVANCED STUDIES IN SOCIAL POLICY**

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**Method of Delivery:** Online Synchronous

**Course Description:**

In most countries, social polices are developed , designed, and implemented to address social issues and practices associated with the welfare and well-being of the population. In this course we engage in critical examination of key developments, social factors, institutions, and processes shaping Canadian social policy through a sociological lens. We consider the effects of economics, institutions, state structures, culture, and ideology on social policy formation, development, program delivery, and impact. Key areas of social policy, including social assistance, housing, childcare/work family dynamics, and disability are explored in relation to the broader transformation of the Canadian welfare state. This course combines aspects of a survey course (an overview and synthesis of material on topics related to social policy) with those of a seminar.

**Reading (s)/Textbook (s):**

There is no required textbook for this course. Links to required readings will be included in the **schedule and pdf or links provided on Brightspace.**

**Course Requirements & Methods of Evaluation:**

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| **Assessment Component/Assignment** | **Weight** |
| Participation | 15% |
| Structured Reading Group Submissions | 15%  (3 at 5% each) |
| Literature Review | 20% |
| Op-ed | 20% |
| Policy Paper | 30% |