

## Neoliberalism and the Welfare State

### SOCI 4860 B

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| <b>Term</b>            | Winter 2027                                                                    |
| <b>Course Delivery</b> | In-person                                                                      |
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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines the relationship between neoliberalism and the welfare state, with particular attention to the political, economic, and social transformations that have shaped contemporary social policy. Students will explore the theoretical foundations of neoliberalism, the historical development of welfare states, and debates surrounding markets, governance, inequality, and social citizenship. The course critically examines the restructuring of welfare institutions, the changing role of the state, and the impacts of neoliberal reforms on social programs, labour relations, and social relations. Students will analyze ongoing debates about the future of the welfare state and the challenges of addressing socioeconomic needs in a changing global context.

### EVALUATION

| Assessment Type                     | Weight     |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Participation and Attendance</b> | <b>20%</b> |
| <b>Critical Reading Responses</b>   | <b>20%</b> |
| <b>Oral Presentation</b>            | <b>25%</b> |
| <b>Essay Questions</b>              | <b>35%</b> |

### TEXT

Readings will be available through the Carleton Library electronic reserves system (ARES). Supplementary readings, video clips, and other course materials will be posted or electronically linked on the course Brightspace page throughout the term.