

SOCI 5503F: Special Topics in Work and Labour I

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Labour, Labourism, and the History of Social Democracy

This course explores the historical relationship between trade unions, labour parties, and social democratic governments in the West from the early 20th century to the present.

Students will examine the formation of social democratic parties, postwar social democratic governance, the neoliberal turn and the Third Way, and the recent revival of labourist politics, including in the United States, United Kingdom, and Australia. Students will assess the possibilities and limitations of contemporary social democracy.