

Principios y evolucion del estado de bienestar: Comparaciones internacionales

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Overview

- What are welfare regimes?
- Political explanations of welfare regimes
- Variations found in the developed world
- Variations found in Latin America
- Globalization and welfare retrenchment in the developed and developing world
- Discussion and/or questions

What are welfare regimes?

- Welfare provision by the state, family, and market
- Difference between welfare **state** and welfare **regime**
- Focus on social insurance
- What is social “insurance”?

What are welfare regimes?

- Five social insurance programs
 - Disability and old-age pensions
 - Health insurance
 - Worker's compensation insurance
 - Unemployment insurance
 - Family allowances

What are welfare regimes?

- Measuring welfare regimes
 - De-commodification
 - Stratification
 - Private vs. public provision
 - De-familialization

Political explanations of welfare regimes

- Economic development
- International diffusion
- The role of the state
- The role of organized labor
- The role of business
- The importance of policy feedback

Variations in the developed world

- First social insurance in Germany
- Associated with economic development, political democracy, and labor mobilization
- Due to policy feedback, welfare regimes grow and change slowly
- Post-WWII variation reflects origins of welfare regimes

Variations in the developed world

- Three ideal types (characteristics)
 - Social democratic
 - Christian democratic
 - Liberal

Variations in the developed world

- Social democratic
 - Role of encompassing organized labor and coalition with agricultural interests
- Christian democratic
 - Absolutism, authoritarianism, control of labor, catholic doctrine
- Liberal
 - Fragmented labor, liberal values

Variations in Latin America

- 19 of largest 21 countries have national legislation for 3 of 5 social insurance programs
- The adoption of social insurance in Latin America
 - Mexico, Brazil, and Southern Cone
 - Rest of South America
 - Central America

Variations in Latin America

- Characteristics (especially before 1980s)
 - High stratification
 - Little redistribution
 - Little or no coverage for rural or informal workers
 - Large state bureaucracies
- What “type” of welfare regimes?

Variations in Latin America

- Explaining variations in Latin America
 - Economic development
 - International diffusion
 - The role of the state
 - The role of labor
 - The role of business

Globalization & welfare retrenchment

- What is “globalization”?
 - Trade liberalization
 - Financial liberalization
 - Increased FDI
 - Increased portfolio investment
- What is “welfare retrenchment”?

Globalization & welfare retrenchment

- Does economic globalization **cause** welfare retrenchment?
 - The efficiency hypothesis
 - The compensation hypothesis
- The evidence from the developed world

Globalization & welfare retrenchment

- The evidence from Latin America
 - Spending in the 1980s and 1990s
 - Pension privatization
 - Health care privatization
 - Welfare regime restructuring?

Globalization & welfare retrenchment

- Why is Latin America different?
 - How globalization is different
 - Underdeveloped institutions and policy feedback
 - The role of international diffusion and policy networks
 - The role of the state, labor, and business

Questions and discussion

- What “type” of welfare regime is appropriate for Latin America?
- What could be done to enhance **efficiency** while providing **real protection and compensation** against social risks?
- Other questions?