A. Syllabus for Reading Course in Gender, Inequalities and the Welfare State (PhD level)

A third level (PhD) “reading course” does not involve any traditional teaching and typically only a few students participate in the course. A reading course for 7.5 credits should cover an ambitious and demanding reading material, where the amount of reading will vary depending on the nature of the texts. The Department of Sociology offers reading courses to its PhD students in areas that cover either a specific topic of high relevance for the PhD thesis or a specific area of research expertise in the Department. This course belongs to the latter category.

This course has been reviewed by the Director of Graduate Studies on 2018-08-02.

B. Course Details, Assessment and Grading

This course is offered by Åsa Lundqvist upon demand as a reading course on the readings listed under F, below. There is no teaching involved. The course is examined on the basis of a written paper (in English or Swedish) of 10-15 pages and an oral examination (individually or in group).

The grades for the course are awarded as Pass or Fail. To receive a Pass, the student must fulfil the learning outcomes specified for the course and demonstrate an independent, reflective, well-informed and critical relationship to the issues presented in the course.

C. Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course the student should be able to:

1) Summarize the main outlines of the research field covered in the reading material;
2) Critically examine contributions to the relevant research field;
3) Apply some ideas in the literature to a research problem.

D. Course Content

The aim of this course is to provide advanced knowledge of welfare states in times of social and economic change with special emphasis on feminist analysis of the development and reproduction of inequalities within and between the family, the state and the market. The literature covers feminist analyses of the dynamics of paid
labour, care work and the role of policy making in various welfare states, but also the social and economic consequences of the restructuring of welfare states, austerity politics and escalating inequalities between women and men, between migrant groups and the majority, and between the young and the old.

**E. Admission Requirements**

Applicants must be admitted to the Ph.D. program at the Department of Sociology, Lund University, or be accepted as a visiting student to that program.

**F. Course Literature**

*Mandatory readings*


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Depending on the paper topic, students are encouraged to complement the reading list with relevant books/articles. The list below can serve as a starting point.

*Further Readings*


