

Some Useful Sources

In addition to the references listed at the end of the articles and those discussed in the review article included in this themed section, there are a number of more general texts examining globalism and transnationalism as they relate to social policy. The selection we provide below is ordered alphabetically.

Burden, T. (1998), 'Globalisation and social policy', *Social Policy and Welfare: A Clear Guide*, London: Pluto Press, chapter 9, pp. 202–240.

Reviews perspectives on global social policy, the remit of various global agencies, the dimensions of global social divisions and issues in global social policy, such as population, poverty, health, children and old age.

Deacon, B., Ollila, E., Koivusalo, M. and Stubbs, P. (2003), *Global Social Governance: Themes and Prospects*, Helsinki: STAKES, Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Covers selected issues in contemporary global social policy: the role of networks and projects in the making of global social policy; the UN's adoption of public–private partnerships in health; the potential effects of WTO trade agreements on health and the involvement of international non-state actors in social development policy.

Deacon, B. with Hulse, M. and Stubbs, P. (1997), *Global Social Policy: International Organisations and the Future of Welfare*, London: Sage.

Analyses the social policy prescriptions of international governmental organisations and their influence on national social policy in countries of Central/Eastern Europe.

George, V. and Page, R. (2004), *Global Social Problems*, Cambridge: Polity.

Edited collection that examines social policy issues in a global context. Chapters cover social welfare, the environment, poverty, crime, AIDS, illegal drugs, migration, family violence and racism.

George, V. and Wilding, P. (2002), *Globalization and Human Welfare*, Basingstoke: Palgrave.

Purpose-written textbook reviewing literature on the effects of 'globalisation' on social policy. It covers economic growth, income distribution, poverty, education, health, social care and the environment, distinguishing between advanced industrialised countries and industrially developing countries. The authors review the limitations of existing global social policies and argue in favour of new global institutions and better regulation.

Jones-Finer, C. (ed.) (1999), *Transnational Social Policy*, Oxford: Blackwell.

Edited collection developed from a special issue of the journal *Social Policy and Administration*, which includes contributions from both academics and policy actors/practitioners. The collection covers issues of policy making and implementation as well as relationships between actors North and South.

Kennett, P. (ed.) (2004), *A Handbook of Comparative Social Policy*, Cheltenham, Edward Elgar (Parts I and V).

Edited collection which situates the traditional concerns and approaches of comparative social policy analysis within the shifting landscape of (inter)national welfare provision. Chapters in Part I problematise the 'state' in the context of globalisation and chapters in Part V provide discussion of a range of policy areas: social exclusion, shelter, crime and e-governance from international and global perspectives.

Midgley, J. (1997), *Social Welfare in Global Context*, London: Sage.

Textbook which addresses both theoretical and applied issues of welfare provision in both state and non-formal welfare contexts around the world. The second section on applied international social welfare is focused on social work, social development and the different forms of international collaboration with examples of practice in the areas of women's well-being, refugee programmes and social security.

Mishra, R. (1999), *Globalization and the Welfare State*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

Seminal work arguing that neoliberal globalisation erodes the welfare states of the advanced industrialised countries with particular attention to Sweden, Germany and Japan. Very briefly reviews selected issues in global social policy.

Munck, R. (2005), *Globalization and Social Exclusion: A Transformationalist Perspective*, Bloomfield, CT: Kumarian.

Useful review of the impacts of globalisation on social inequality and social exclusion worldwide, with the additional advantage of covering debates in the academic study of global social policy.

Yeates, N. (2001), *Globalization and Social Policy*, London: Sage.

Critiques the claims of the 'strong' globalisation thesis that predicts welfare residualisation and privatisation. Includes a review of the limitations of global social policy and governance and provides different perspectives on advancing the cause of human welfare in a context of 'globalisation'.

Web resources

The academic and practical concerns of global perspectives on social policy are relatively well-served by web resources. However, due to the breadth of issues and countries involved in study in this area, it can be difficult to locate and access material. Here we suggest a limited number of key websites that can help navigate this material.

<http://www.globalwelfare.net>

This site is developed and maintained by the International and Comparative Social Policy (ICSP) group of the UK Social Policy Association. The site provides a range of resources for researchers, educators and students. It includes extensive link pages, covering governmental and non-governmental and activist organisations, research centres and networks; teaching resources and exercises. It also provides a direct link to the e-Library

for Global Welfare (see below) and ESDS International (the UK ESRC/JISC funded Economic and Social Data Service).

<http://www.elibraryforglobalwelfare.org>

This key resource for researchers and students alike consists of a comprehensive searchable database of research and policy documents and statistical indicators relating to human welfare around the world. The database allows simple and advanced searches according to a range and combination of criteria, including type of resources, geographical areas of interest, policy areas and level of institutional/organisational activity.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk>

The BBC website contains additional resources on the social dimensions of globalisation, mainly news stories, some with accompanying video or news clip. *2015: Where Will We Be?* explores development issues and poverty reduction in the context of the Millennium Development Goals. *Open Politics – Globalisation* (in conjunction with the Open University) covers a range of contemporary issues and news items relating to global social politics, with links to websites and video clips of key speeches from Davos World Economic Forum and popular responses to these meetings.