POSC 469: Social Policy in the European Union

Spring 2016 – Thursdays – 7-9:50pm

Labor and Social Inequality in Advanced Capitalist Democracies

Why are unions so much stronger in Sweden than the United States? What are the consequences of rising levels of temporary contracts? Do high minimum wages increase unemployment? This course is designed to be an overview of comparative labor movements and labor relation systems, with a focus on advanced industrial democracies. We study the political economy of labor and social inequality with particular attention to issues relating to gender politics, immigration, and precarious work.