



## **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.**