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Some Useful Sources

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1. The following is probably the best general introduction to Social Policy from a Political Economy standpoint:

Pierson, C. (1998), *Beyond the Welfare State? – The New Political Economy of Welfare*, Cambridge: Polity.

2. Other good recent books applying Political Economy analyses to the welfare state include:

Gough, I. (2000), *Global Capital, Human Needs and Social Policies*, Basingstoke: Palgrave.
Swank, D. (2002), *Global Capital, Political Institutions, and Policy Change in Developed Welfare States*, Cambridge, New York: Cambridge University Press.

3. More orthodox Economics approaches to Social Policy include:

Barr, N. (2004), *The Economics of the Welfare State*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
Glennerster, H. (2003), *Understanding the Finance of Welfare: What Welfare Costs and How to Pay for It*, Bristol: The Policy Press.
Le Grand, J., Propper, C. and Robinson, R. (1992), *The Economics of Social Problems*, Basingstoke: Macmillan.

4. A good general introduction to Economics as a subject which looks at both orthodox and heterodox economic theories is:

Hunt, E.K. and Sherman, H.J. (1990), *Economics: An Introduction to Traditional and Radical Views*, New York: Harper & Row.

Whilst good introductions to the different theories of Political Economy are:

Caporaso, J.A. and Levine, D.P. (1992), *Theories of Political Economy*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
Whynes, D.K. (ed.) (1984), *What is Political Economy?: Eight Perspectives*, Oxford: Basil Blackwell.

5. Introductions to International (or Global) Political Economy include:

Gilpin, R. (2001), *Global Political Economy: Understanding the International Economic Order*, Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press (also contains a good introductory discussion of Political Economy generally in Chapter 2).
Palan, R. (ed.) (2000), *Global Political Economy: Contemporary Theories*, London: Routledge.
Frieden, J.A. and Lake, D.A. (eds) (2000), *International Political Economy: Perspectives on Global Power and Wealth*, London: Routledge.
Stubbs, R. and Underhill, G.R.D. (eds) (2000), *Political Economy and the Changing Global Order*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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6. General introductions to globalization include:

Held, D., McGrew, A., Goldblatt, D. and Perraton, J. (1999), *Global Transformations: Politics, Economics and Culture*, Cambridge: Polity.
Held, D. and McGrew, A. (2002), *Globalization/Anti-Globalization*, Cambridge: Polity
Hirst, P. and Thompson, G. (1999), *Globalization in Question*, Cambridge: Polity Press.

Whilst specific analyses of globalization and social policy include:

Yeates, N. (2001), *Globalization and Social Policy*, London: Sage.
Sykes, R., Palier, B. and Prior, P.M. (eds) (2001), *Globalization and European Welfare States: Challenges and Change*, Basingstoke: Palgrave.
Mishra, R. (1999), *Globalization and the Welfare State*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
George, V. and Wilding, P. (2002) *Globalization and Human Welfare*, Basingstoke: Palgrave.

7. Political Economy journals:

New Political Economy
Review of International Political Economy

8. Websites:

The International and Comparative Social Policy group of the UK Social Policy Association: http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/socst/ICSP/index.shtml
The International Political Economy Group of the British International Studies Association: http://www.bisa.ac.uk/groups/ipeg/Default.asp
The Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation at Warwick University: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/csgr/
The Political Economy Research Centre at Sheffield University: http://www.shef.ac.uk/uni/academic/N-Q/perc

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