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European Welfare States and Health Systems

Course Description

The aim of this course is to familiarize students with the historical roots, political framework and cultural foundations of European welfare states and health care systems. A specific focus will be Germany's welfare and health care schemes in comparison with the American and other European models. Experts from the medical sector will introduce practical aspects while the course builds on assigned readings, in-class discussions and student presentations. A faculty-led weekend excursion to selected important medical institutions in Berlin, Germany is integrated into the course.