Social Policy and Social Security in China
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Lecture 1: Social Development and People's Everyday Life in Contemporary China

A. the indicators on Chinese economic growth, social development, and people’s living standards
B. some issues of debates: income inequality, social stratification, and cross-regional migration
C. the influence of social policies on Chinese social conditions and people’s life
D. some basic conceptions on social policy and social security

Reading materials

Lecture 2: The Historical Development of the Chinese Social Security System

A. the period of system establishment under planning economy
B. the period of transition from “enterprise welfare” to the state-managed system
C. the implementation of a new social security system in order to facilitate the market operation
D. The directions of future development: productivism, developmentalism and redistributivism

Reading materials


**Lecture 3: Social Insurance**

A. old-age pension  
B. work injury  
C. unemployment  
D. sickness

Reading materials


**Lecture 4: Social Assistance and Labor Relations**

A. social assistance and poor relief  
B. minimal income guarantee  
C. employment services  
D. migrant workers and labor right

Reading materials

Rural China (2001), www.china.org.cn/e-white/fp1015/index.htm

Lecture 5: Housing Policy and Public Health Policy

A. the expansion of the Chinese real estate market
B. affordable housing and the publicly-rented housing
C. health administration
D. universal social benefits

Reading materials
4. Li, Si-Ming; Huang, Youqin (2006), Urban Housing in China: Market Transition, Housing Mobility and Neighbourhood Change., Housing Studies, Vol. 21 Issue 5, p613-623,

Lecture 6: Local Community and NGOs

A. community work
B. non-governmental agents (NGOs)
C. voluntary work
D. charity

Reading materials

**Lecture 7: Social Care and Personal Service**

A. elderly services  
B. women and children  
C. the disabled  
D. corrective social work

Reading materials:

**Lecture 8: Field Visiting (this visiting can be also made in the middle of the term)**

**Course requirements:**

This course will provide knowledge in the fields of sociology, social policy, economics, policy analysis and development studies. It focuses on social policy issues in contemporary China, with a wide reference to various aspects of social life and people’s living conditions. The course sets its orientation at social sciences and humanities, but it also opens to the students of natural sciences and technologies. The course consists of a series of lectures with some discussions and fieldwork involved. The final exam is to write a term paper in a moderate length.