



# Comparative Social Policy: Concepts, Theories and Methods

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## DESCRIPTION

*Comparative Social Policy* provides students with an introduction to cross-national social policy research, conveying the fascinating and challenging issues involved in conducting research of this kind. The book examines the theoretical, conceptual and methodological approaches, discusses prevailing concepts and reflects on methodological difficulties.

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## FEATURES

- \* Contributions from a number of leading academics with experience of different areas within comparative social policy research as well as undergraduate teaching.
- \* Covers conceptual, methodological, theoretical and practical aspects of cross-national research in social policy.

\* Addresses a wide range of policies and themes, using a variety country samples and sizes.

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