

# Contemporary Social Policy in the E.U.

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## **Lecture 6**

# **The ‘Europeanisation’ of social policy**

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## ‘Europeanisation’ of social policy

- E.U. ‘single social policy areas’?
- E.U. policies affect:
  - policy style (formulation and implementation);
  - general problem solving approach;
  - policy instruments employed;
  - policy standards set (based on E.U values and principles)

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- Europeanisation of :
  - pressure groups
  - interest groups
  - policy networks

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4 processes of ‘Europeanisation’ of policy:

- a) ‘bottom-up’ (national state – E.U.)
- b) ‘top-down’ (E.U. – national state)
- c) ‘horizontal’ (State – State)
- d) ‘round-about’ (national state – E.U. – national state)

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‘Europeanisation’ based on underlying E.U. principles and ‘core values’:

- social progress;
- the aim of high levels of employment;
- social protection;
- the aim of raising living standards and quality of life;
- promotion of social cohesion and social justice

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## ‘Europeanisation’

= overarching E.U. core values and principles, within which individual policies are shaped and formulated, and diversity and ‘mutual recognition’ acknowledged, particularly in implementation to meet policy aims