

II. ATA 584: Foundations of Social Policy: This course aims to discuss current issues in social policy in the context of seminal contributions to political philosophy and economic thought. Major topics covered include theoretical approaches to behavioral and institutional determinants of social cohesion, meaning of social justice in relation to individual needs and rights, and concepts of autonomy and dependency as they appear in the debates around different mechanisms of socioeconomic protection. The role of the state, family and community, as well as religious and secular civil society associations in welfare provisioning will be discussed with reference to different currents of social theory and their policy implications. Limits of social policy in the satisfaction of human needs will be among the questions discussed.