

The politics of parental leave policies: Children, parenting, gender and the labour market ^[1]

Author: KAmerman, Sheila B. & Moss, Peter (Eds.)

Source: The Policy Press

Format: Book / booklet

Publication Date: 22 Jul 2009

AVAILABILITY

Book available to purchase ^[2] or check university or public library

Description:

With the growth of parental employment, leave policy is at the centre of welfare state development and at the heart of countries' child and family policies. It is widely recognised as an essential element for attaining important demographic, social and economic goals and is the point where many different policy areas intersect: child well-being, family, gender equality, employment and labour markets, and demography. Leave policy, therefore, gives a unique insight into a country's values, interests and priorities. International comparisons of leave policy are widely available, but far less attention has been paid to understanding the factors that bring about these variations. "The politics of parental leave policies" makes good this omission. Looking at parental leave policy within a wider work/family context, it addresses how and why, and by whom, particular policies are created and subsequently developed in particular countries. Chapters covering 15 countries in Europe and beyond and the European Union bring together leading academic experts to provide a unique insight into the past, present and future state of this key policy area. "The politics of parental leave policies" is essential reading for students, teachers and researchers in social policy, child and family policy, welfare states, gender relations and equality, and employment and labour markets, providing an opportunity to study in depth the creation of social policy. It will also be of interest to policy makers in national governments and international organisations.

...

Contents

Introduction - Peter Moss and Sheila B. Kamerman

Australia: the difficult birth of paid maternity leave - Deborah Brennan

Canada and Québec: two policies, one country - Andrea Doucet, Lindsey McKay and Diane-Gabrielle Tremblay

Czech Republic: normative or choice-oriented system? - Jiřina Kocourková

Estonia: halfway from the Soviet Union to the Nordic countries - Marre Karu and Katre Pall

Finland: negotiating tripartite compromises - Johanna Lammi-Taskula and Pentti Takala

France: gender equality a pipe dream? - Jeanne Fagnani and Antoine Math

Germany: taking a Nordic turn? - Daniel Erler

Hungary and Slovenia: long leave or short? - Marta Korintus and Nada Stropnik

Iceland: from reluctance to fast-track engineering - Thorgerdur Einarsdóttir and Gyda Margrét Pétursdóttir

The Netherlands: bridging labour and care - Janneke Plantenga and Chantal Remery

Norway: the making of the father's quota - Berit Brandth and Elin Kvande

Portugal and Spain: two pathways in Southern Europe - Karin Wall and Anna Escobedo

Sweden: individualisation or free choice in parental leave - Anders Chronholm

The European Directive: making supra-national parent leave policy - Bernard Fusulier

Conclusion - Sheila B. Kamerman and Peter Moss.

Region: International ^[3]

Tags: maternity and parental leave ^[4]

work/life balance ^[5]

Source URL (modified on 27 Jan 2022): <https://childcarecanada.org/documents/research-policy-practice/12/09/politics-parental-leave-policies-children-parenting-gender>

Links

[1] <https://childcarecanada.org/documents/research-policy-practice/12/09/politics-parental-leave-policies-children-parenting-gender> ^[2]

<http://policypress.co.uk/display.asp?K=9781847420671> [3] <https://childcarecanada.org/category/region/international> [4]

