

European Labour Market

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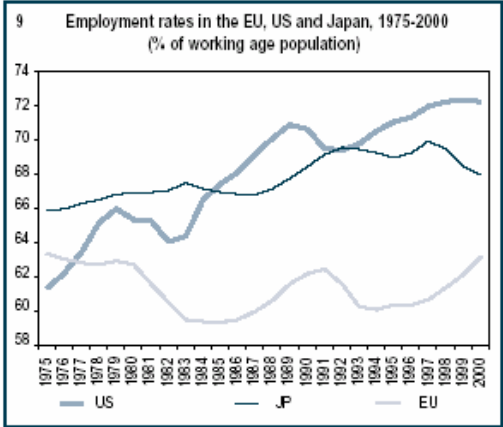
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Overview

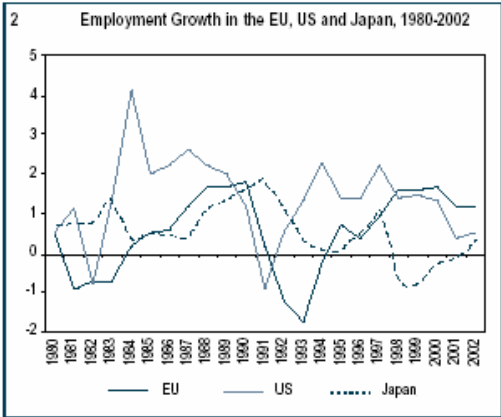
- Background
 - The policy issue – European employment
 - The theoretical issue – institutions and the labour market
- Gender and the labour market
- Financial systems and employment

'Euroscelerosis': Fewer Europeans than Americans at work



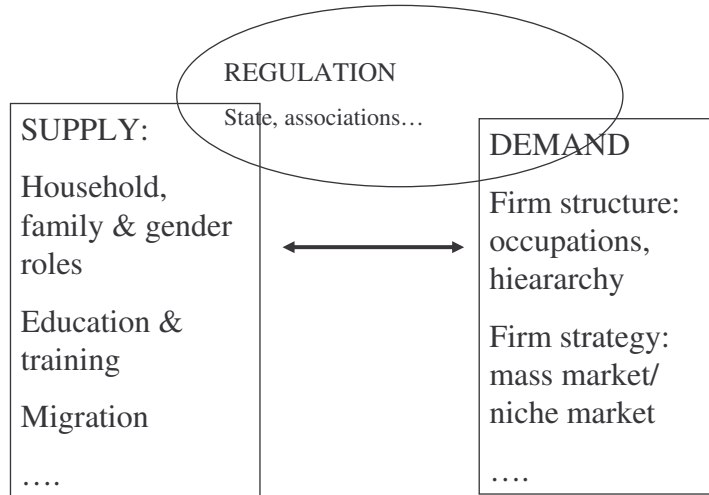
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Employment: Europe catching up at last?



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Understanding the labour market



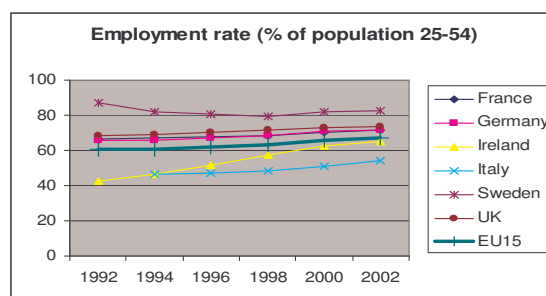
European Social Model

- Welfare state: social citizenship
- Economic citizenship
 - » Employment regulation (dismissal, working time, equal rights)
 - » Participation (works councils, financial participation...)
 - » Trade union representation
 - » **And direct participation?**

Lisbon Declaration

- Lisbon targets
 - » 70% overall employment
 - » 60% women
 - » 50% older workers
- 'Arbeit macht frei?'
 - » But many societies and groups have 'chosen' low employment rates, sometimes with high productivity
- Economic citizenship
 - » justifies employment
 - » ensures work compatible with social reproduction

Women's participation in the labour market



- Women's participation in work has been rising EXCEPT where already high
- Convergence: the end of the housewife?

Breadwinner models

- Male breadwinner
 - » Father responsible for household
 - » Wife works at most for 'pin money'
- Modified male breadwinner
 - » Man's income decisive
 - » Woman's income important
- Universal breadwinner
 - » Everyone works
 - » One person- one living income

Gender regimes

- Definition of male & female
 - » INCLUDING who works & how
- Tax and social welfare system
- Education system
- Economic organisations
- Church
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Overall participation

	Activity rate: % of population 15-64	Activity rate % of population aged 25-54
France	62.7	78.7
Germany	64.2	78.0
Italy	47.9	60.3
Sweden	75.8	85.5
UK	68.3	76.4
EU15	60.9	73.2

- Divergence greatest in core age group
- Two extremes:
 - » High Scandinavia, low Mediterranean

Forms of women's participation

	Part time as % all employment	Hours worked: difference- households with and without children	Marginal part-time as % all dependent employees
France	29.4	-1	9
Germany	36.4*	-3.3	18
Italy	16.9	+2	8
Sweden	33.1	+0.1	6
UK	43.9	-6	21
EU15	33.5	-3.4**	14**

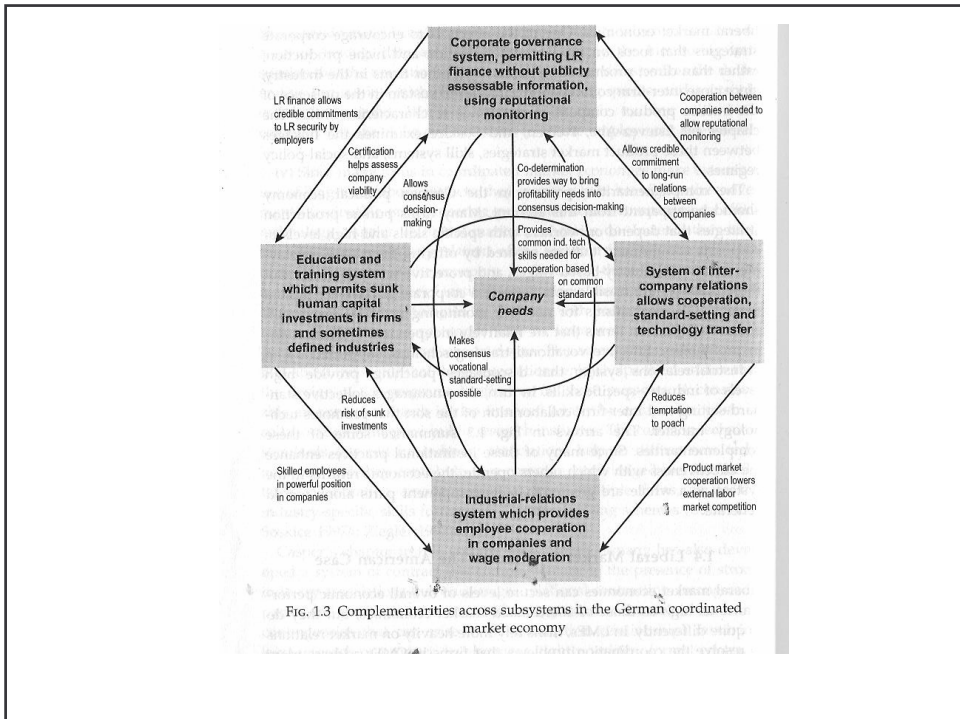
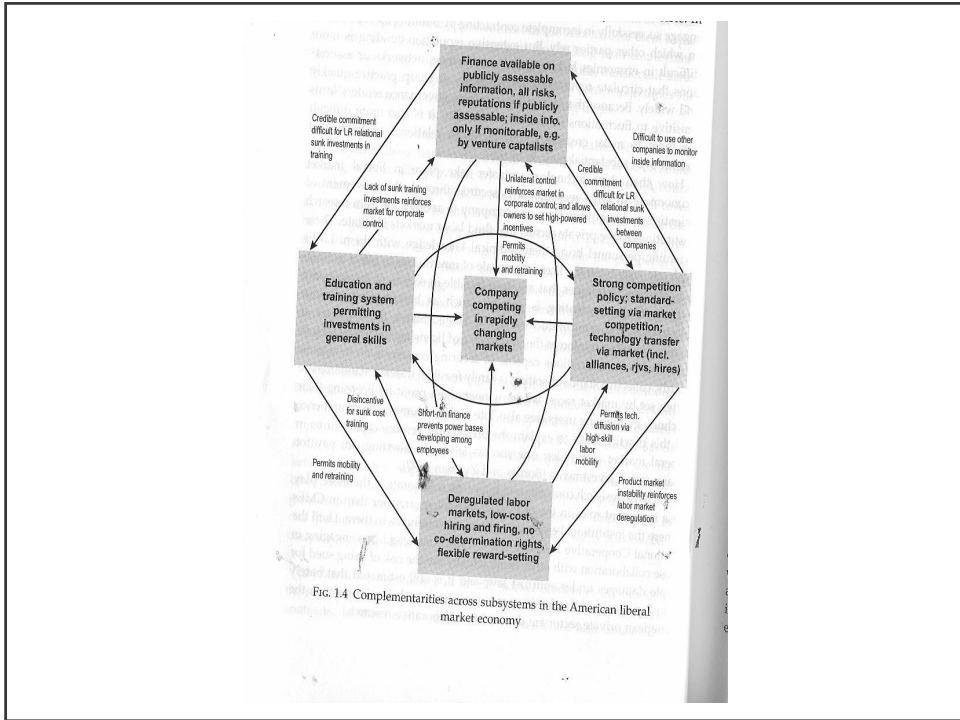
- Countries with high overall participation have very different **forms** of participation
- Deregulated labour markets = 'bad' jobs?

Three worlds of welfare – and 'defamiliasation'

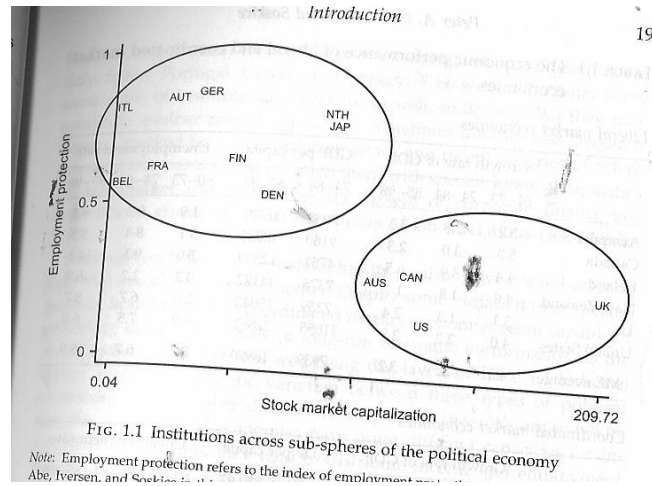
- Liberal regime
 - » Market solutions
 - » Deregulated labour market-
 - » Immigrant caring labour
 - » Part-time and temporary work for women
- Social democratic
 - » Extensive care services:
 - » Good low skill employment
 - » Enable women to leave home
- Conservative/ corporatist
 - » Male head of household gets benefits
 - » Priority of full-time work

Firms, financial systems and inequality

- Oppositions:
 - » Rhineland versus Atlanticist
 - » European versus Anglo-Saxon
 - » Stakeholder versus Shareholder value
 - » Path dependency
 - » Comparative institutional advantage
- Globalisation
 - » Markets
 - » Technology
 - » End of space/distance



Inequality and financial system



Inequality and employment

