

# Three Welfare Regimes

Sociology

Esping-Andersen's typology and what each regime does to inequality.

*Decommodification: how far living standards survive leaving the market.*

| Regime                   | Logic                        | Effect on gaps    |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Liberal</b>           | Means-tested, modest         | Large gaps remain |
| <b>Conservative</b>      | Insurance, status-preserving | Gaps reproduced   |
| <b>Social democratic</b> | Universal, generous          | Gaps compressed   |

Educational reference. The typology is disputed: Southern European, East Asian and post-socialist cases fit it poorly.