Welfare citizenship and welfare nationalism

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Despite a considerable proliferation of research on citizenship, the term welfare citizenship has remained unclear in conceptual and theoretical terms. Scholars have also rarely scrutinized the relationship between nationalism and the system of welfare provisions. This volume offers contributions from scholars in the field of welfare state studies, comparative politics, political theory as well as history focusing on welfare citizenship and welfare nationalism. The volume deals first with conceptual and theoretical aspects as well as the ethical assessment of the terms welfare citizenship and welfare nationalism. Second, it examines the nature of welfare citizenship and welfare nationalism in a comparative perspective in the context of multi-ethnic or multilingual statehood, and against the background of increasing immigration flows. Third, it includes in-depth single country case studies on Norway, Denmark and Ireland.


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