

Themes and Issues in British Politics since 1945  
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Lecture 12

## Policy Themes: Public Sector Reform and Marketisation

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### Lecture Outline

- ☐ Public sector reform: taxonomy and chronology (the view from Rhodes)
- ☐ Changing the institutions of the welfare state: Trapped in welfare? How many ways to skin a cat?
- ☐ Thinking about what has changed and how to assess it
- ☐ No end in sight - an unending reform process?

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### Public sector reform: taxonomy and chronology (the view from Rhodes)

- ☐ The New Public Management – a mixed bag and the product of an extended (continuing?) reform process
- ☐ Managerialism
- ☐ Marketisation and the 3 E's – economy, efficiency and effectiveness
- ☐ Rhodes on perspectives and judgements about the reform of the public sector

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Changing the institutions of the welfare state: Trapped in welfare? How many ways to skin a cat?

- ☐ Welfare institutions are powerful and deeply embedded in our polity
- ☐ Making the case for radical reform – from the New Right
- ☐ A critique of public sector bureaus (their senior staff and the politicians who determine their budgets)
- ☐ How many ways are there to skin the cat?
- ☐ No easy escape from a deep and demanding public sector involvement in organising and administering welfare

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Thinking about what has changed and how to assess it

- ☐ Driver's evaluation
- ☐ Dealing with the Conservative legacy
- ☐ 'Modernising' the public services
- ☐ Just a better way of distributing benefits and services to those in the greatest need?

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No end in sight - an unending reform process?

- ☐ What does it cost (and what do 'I' 'we' 'they' get out of it)?
- ☐ What does the public really want and how much do we really know about delivering it?
- ☐ What do we know about the *alternatives / the particular reform options* and how *we should / we can* make choices between them?

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