



Introduction to GLO375 Political Economy of the Public Sector

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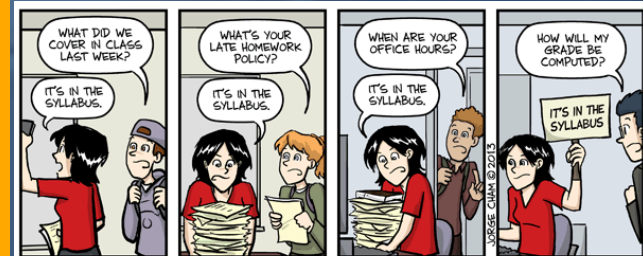
WHO AM I ?

WHO ARE YOU ?

WHO IS STIGLITZ AND WHO
IS ATKINSON?

WHY DO WE NEED TO STUDY
PUBLIC ECONOMICS?

ASSESSMENT STUFF



IT'S IN THE SYLLABUS

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Hello!

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Oh, there is more...

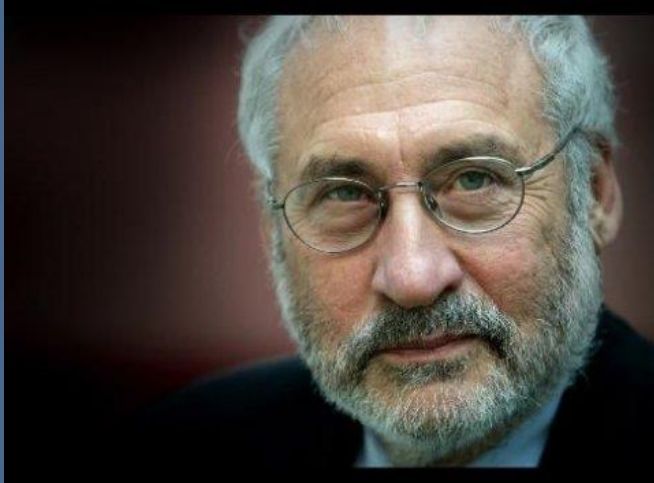




But who are you?

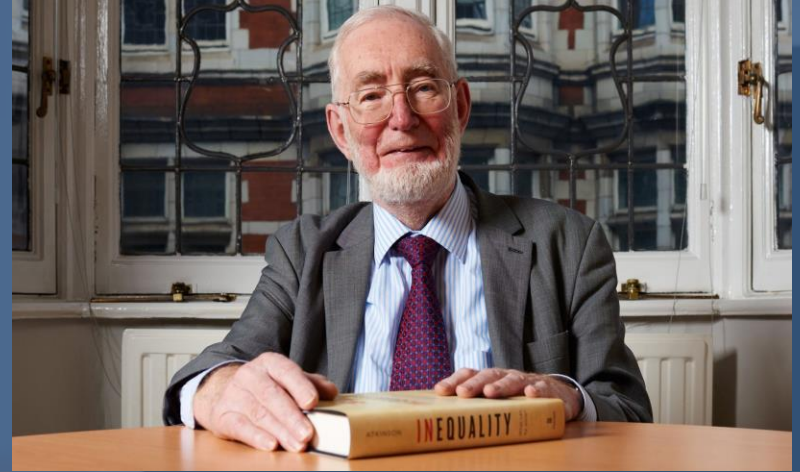
And what are you doing here?

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“The reason that the invisible hand often seems invisible it is that it is often not there ”

Joseph Stiglitz



“It is wrong to see today’s high inequality as the product of forces over which we have no control”

Anthony Atkinson



Notable achievements

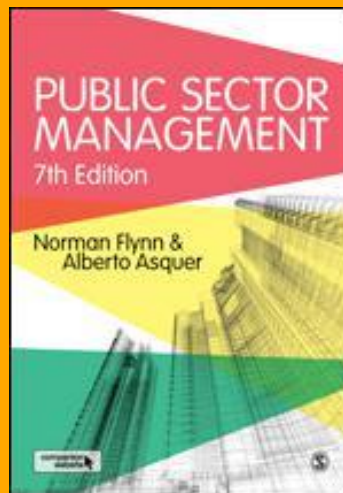
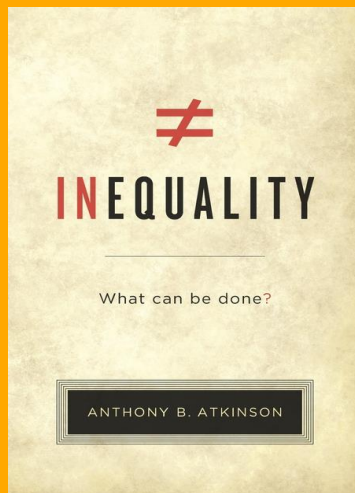
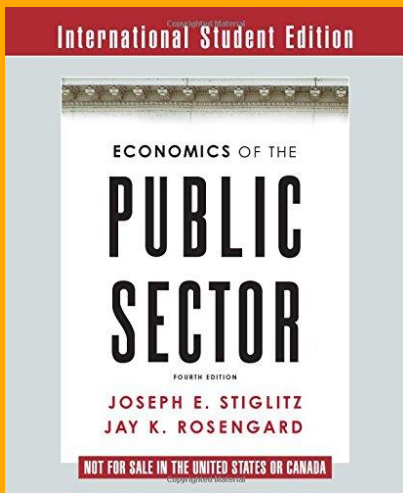
Joseph Stiglitz (1943,-)

- Nobel Prize in Economics (2001)
- Senior Economic Advisor of Bill Clinton
- Chief Economist of the World Bank (1997-2000)
- One of the most influential economists in the world

Sir Anthony Atkinson (1944-2017)

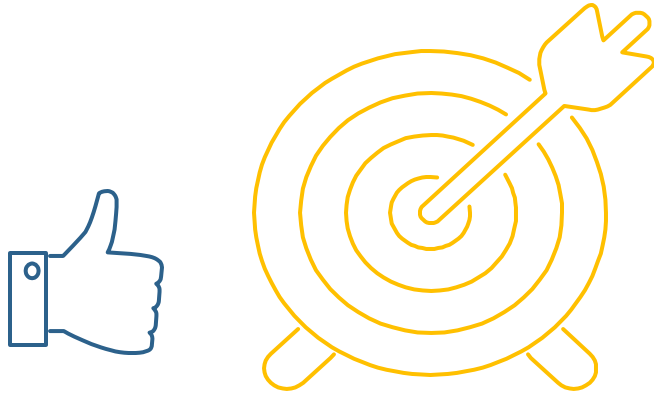
- Knighted (2000)
- An inequality measure is named after him: the Atkinson index
- He was mentor of Thomas Piketty
- Established the modern field of inequality and poverty studies

Essential Readings



Some of the main topics

- What is public sector?
- Why do we need one?
- What public sector does?
- Taxation
- Inequality
- Managing the public sector.



Assessment Stuff

I know that you have been waiting for it...

Four assessment types

Final Exam (40%)



Individual Report (40%)



Homework & Participation (5%)



Group Presentation (15%)



Individual Report

Describe and analyse the role of the public sector in a chosen country. Conduct proper research and use comprehensive data to support your arguments. The areas of interest may include but are not limited to:

- Historic development of the public sector
- Size of the public sector
- Taxation
- Welfare provisions
- Role of state in the economy

Word Count: 2,500 +/- 10%

Layout: Report

Deadline: Week 10

Referencing: Harvard

Group Presentation

In groups of 4, prepare a 10-12 mins presentation, comparing the public sector in the respective countries, analysed in individual reports **(students with the same chosen country can't be in the same group).**

- Which are the main similarities/differences?
- What is their impact on economy and society?
- How are the differences explained?



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Ex(c)ited?

Some deadlines

When?	What?
WEEK 1	Choose Country for Individual Report
WEEK 2	Form Groups for Group Presentation
WEEK 10	Submit Individual Report
WEEK 13 & WEEK 14	Group Presentations
EXAM WEEK	Make a wild guess...

Yes, it's time to
choose country for
your individual
report...

- No more than two students working on the same country
- First comes, first served
- Assign your self in myCourses:

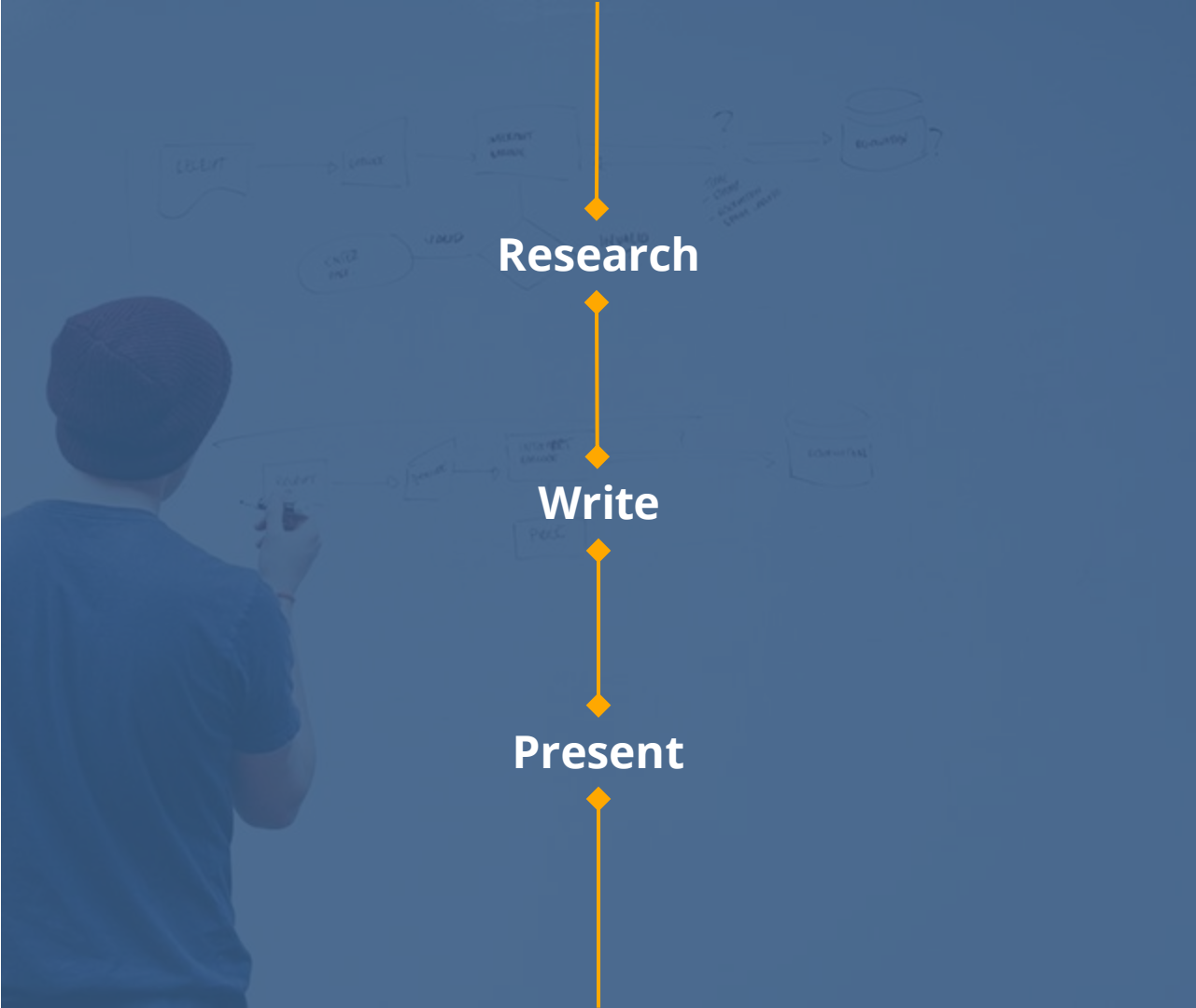
People → Groups →
→ A1 - Individual Report



Done it?

Great! You are ready to start work! Now you must be excited.

- Have a proper report layout (summary, table of contents, references etc.)
- Don't just copy tables and graphs, try to generate your own
- Don't plagiarize
- Use credible academic sources (not Wikipedia, Investopedia etc.)





Thanks!
Any questions?