**SOCIOL 317: Sociology of Welfare State**

**Reading Response Template**

**Note you can submit your reading response by video but must still respond to the same questions as below**

**Please name this file SOCIOL 317 Week [appropriate number] when uploading to Canvas so we can easily which weeks you submitted**

**Student name:**

**Student ID number:**

**Week of semester this reading is from:**

**Name of reading:**

**Word count (aim for 200-400 written words or 3-4 minutes speaking orally):**

1. Compulsory: Summarise the author’s key arguments/claims/conclusions? (should take only three to four sentences)
2. Then: respond to **one or two** of the following, answering in a way that demonstrates your learning and understanding:

* What did you find most interesting about this particular reading? Why specifically?
* Are there any key concepts/ideas that the author uses that helped you better understand the study of the welfare state? Why and what are they?
* Do the arguments/claims/conclusions surprise you? Why? Why not?
* Do the arguments/claims/conclusions support, contradict or interact with what has been said in other readings or in lectures?
* Do the arguments/claims/conclusions support, contradict or interact with knowledge you have from elsewhere or your own personal experience?
* Do the arguments/claims/conclusions exclude or diminish the knowledge or experiences of any key ideas/groups (eg feminist thought or male experience)
* What policy solutions do YOU think would overcome the policy problem/s discussed? Why?

**Please delete any questions not answered in this reading response.**

**Remember a worksheet must:**

* **be electronically submitted by 2pm Tuesday *for six of the 11 weeks running from week 2-12***
* **be focused on *one* of the two *current* week’s readings (unless an extension has been approved for late submission)**
* **you will choose your best reading responses for two key assignment dates (so you need to complete at least two by 9 April and six by 4 June)**
* **it is a good idea to answer different types of questions from week to week to demonstrate the breadth of your understanding and learning**