

Functions of social security (Kunissen, ch 2)

- Functions – „general aims“, satisfaction of certain needs/achievement of certain purposes by policy action
- Objectives – specification how the needs should be satisfied (in what extent, what quality)
- Principles – general guidelines/preferences for making choices of the objectives

Key functions

- Security (lowering risks directly and indirectly, moderating impacts of risks – social consumption)
- Re-distributing resources (life-cycle, horizontal, vertical, intergenerational – social consumption)
- Shaping social structure (reducing insecurity and inequality),
(+ equalising life-chances, opportunities - social mobility)
- Incentivising and enabling, empowering (incentives to work, to save, developments of capabilities – social investments)
- Socialising individuals (shared norms and values, social integration)
- Controlling function, Legitimising function