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### **Mapping political parties on welfare state reform in Visegrad countries**

In the framework of my project to explain the different redistributive effects of welfare states in the Visegrad countries, I will investigate the welfare reform patterns of the major parties that were active in welfare state reform (at this point focusing only on Hungary and Poland). This will include an extensive literature review of parties' roles in welfare state reform and a presentation of relevant data that are informative about the role of parties as actors in welfare state reforms (with a focus on the redistributive nature of these reforms). This empirical mapping of parties with different welfare state reform strategies will define the political actor space that can be used in future research for my dissertation. Depending on the findings of the diversity of strategies of welfare reform, I may use micro-datasets (such as CSES, ESS or EES) to better understand the role of these political actors in the reforms (in relation to voters). The main purpose of the paper is to define the relevant political actors, reforms, and policies that are likely to influence the redistributive effects of welfare states. The conclusion will define hypotheses for the influence of these actors on redistributive outcomes and being to test these hypotheses (if possible).