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This is a comparative study of the origin of the welfare state in England and Germany, the leading industrialised countries in Europe, from 1850 to 1914. It presents original conclusions about the differences between British and German approaches. Peter Hennock analyses policies on social security and the public provision of medical care, dealing with public poor relief, industrial injury, with sickness, invalidity and old age, and with unemployment. In each case policies in Britain and in the German Empire are compared for their actual provisions, their consequences and the politics that produced them. He demonstrates that national insurance has played a larger role in Germany than in Britain from the beginning, as it still does today, and that decisions taken before 1914 are crucial to the long-term differences between the welfare states in the two countries. The book will appeal to students and scholars of British and European political history, social history and social policy.

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Abbreviations

AfS	<i>Archiv für Sozialgeschichte</i>
AN	<i>Amtliche Nachrichten</i>
ÄVB	(Deutscher) Ärztevereinsbund
Bd	Band (volume)
BPP	British Parliamentary Papers
DV	Deutscher Verein für Armenpflege und Wohltätigkeit
Econ. HR	<i>Economic History Review</i>
edn	edition
EHR	<i>English Historical Review</i>
GewO	Gewerbeordnung
<i>Hansard</i>	Hansards Parliamentary Debates (preceded by number of the series and followed by volume number)
HJ	<i>Historical Journal</i>
HZ	<i>Historische Zeitschrift</i>
ILO	International Labour Office
Jl Econ. H	<i>Journal of Economic History</i>
LGB	Local Government Board
LP	Legislaturperiode
LVA	Landesversicherungsanstalt (pension board)
M	Marks
NF	Neue Folge (new series)
OAV	Ortsarmenverband (Local relief authority)
PRO	Public Records Office
qd	quoted
QS	see below for details
RAS 1885	Reichsarmenstatistik (<i>Statistik der öffentlichen Armenpflege im Jahre 1885. Statistik des Deutschen Reichs</i> , NF 29 (1887))
RVA	Reichsversicherungsamt (Imperial Insurance Office)
RVO	Reichsversicherungsordnung

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- SBRT *Stenographische Berichte des Reichstags*
- UWG *Unterstützungswohnsitzgesetz* (residential relief system)
- VSWG *Vierteljahrschrift für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsgeschichte*
- ZSR *Zeitschrift für Sozialreform*
- QS *Quellensammlung zur Geschichte der deutschen Sozialpolitik 1867–1914*
- QS,E, *Einführungsband*, K. E. Born, H. Henning and M. Schick (eds.)
- QS,I, *I. Abteilung. Von der Reichsgründungszeit bis zur Kaiserlichen Sozialbotschaft (1867–1881)*
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