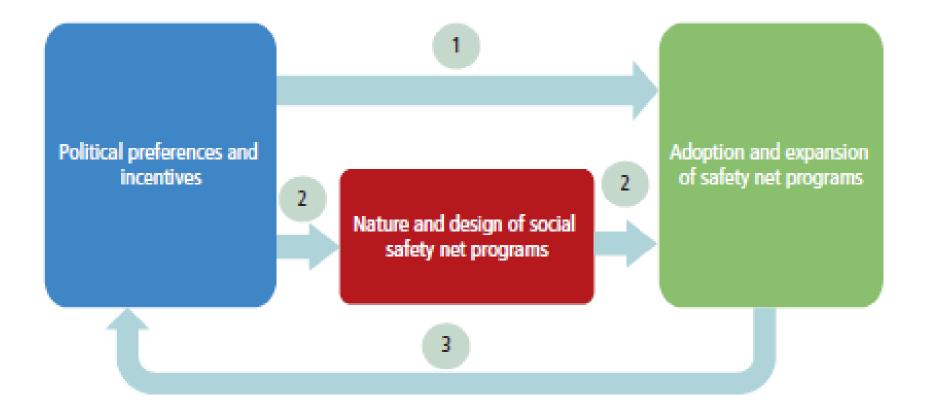


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Politics and Social Safety Nets Interact



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Social Safety Nets are Political

 Safety Nets are shaped by politics, but also influences politics in the country context – political dimensions need to be considered together with technical decisions

 The scope of safety nets depending on political appetite, shaped by social norms and ideological factors as well a prevailing economic and social conditions.

• There is also a feedback loop: implementation of SSN programs influences the political environment.