

T04P02 / The Emergence of Public Policy and the Role of Agenda Setting for Policy Change in Countries and Regions of the Global South

Topic : T04 / Problems and Agenda Setting

Chair : Heike Grimm (Willy Brandt School of Public Policy - University of Erfurt)

GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

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In this context, the panel further aims at investigating when, why and by whom policy issues are put on the agenda of policy-making; and whether public policy research has an influence on agenda setting. Whereas this is a topic of high relevance, research in the field of agenda setting as an element of the policy cycle has rarely been pursued in academia. Nonetheless, agenda setting is probably the most crucial element of the policy cycle because it is determinative of future policy issues and policy making in a country or region.

Cognizant of the deeply interdisciplinary nature of public policy, the panel considers aspects of history, governance, economics and law as components of public policy theory development, and investigates how these theories have influenced policy-making and, more specifically, agenda-setting in countries beyond the Western paradigm. Papers should draw on the advancement of public policy research in distinct country contexts influencing policy making in all fields including health, agriculture, education, migration, integration, environment, entrepreneurship etc. The research should preferably integrate theories of the policy process such as the Multiple Streams Theory (Kingdon 2002); Advocacy Coalition Framework (Sabatier 1988); Punctuated Equilibrium (Baumgartner and Jones 1993); Policy Domains (Laumann and Knoke 1987; Börzel 1998) etc. As the challenges of accessing data and literature in many countries are well known, descriptive and exploratory research is also very welcome.

Keywords: Public Policy, Policy Cycle, Theories of the Policy Process, Agenda Setting, Global South, Policy Making, Development

CALL FOR PAPERS

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Session 1 The Emergence of Public Policy and Agenda Setting: Case Studies from the Global South

Thursday, June 29th 08:15 to 10:15 (Block B 3 - 2)

Addressing maternal mortality in Cambodia: the role of politics and evidence in policy-making

Helen Walls (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine)

Marco Liverani

Keovathanak Khim (University of Health Sciences)

Justin Parkhurst (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Dynamics of Agenda-setting: Institutions, Media and Electoral Impacts in the Creation of Policy Windows in India

Maitreyee Mukherjee (LKY School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore)

Who Sets the Agenda in Kazakhstan? Identifying the key actor for economic diversification

Mergen Dyussenov (Astana IT University)

The issue of the dying patient in Israel in light of Kingdon's streams model

Michal Neubauer-Shani (Ashkelon Academic College)

Omri Shamir (Ashkelon Academic College)

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Session 2The Emergence of Public Policy and Agenda Setting: Theories, Tools and Application in a Global South Context

Thursday, June 29th 10:30 to 12:30 (Block B 3 - 2)

Understanding Policy Change within CITES Convention through the lens of Advocacy Coalition Framework

Remi Chandran (National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES))

Public Policy and Ideation: The Case of Pakistan

Atif Butt (United Nations Environment Programme)

The Making of the new Global Migration Regime: Agenda setting by the Global South

Anja Mihr (HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA Center on Governance through Human Rights)