P18 / What Does Comparative Policy Analysis Have to Do With the Structure-Institution-Agency Debate?

Topic : COMPARATIVE PUBLIC POLICY

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GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

Comparative policy analysis (CPA) takes into account key structural, institutional and agency-level differences among countries over time in its widely accepted research strategy. This is because interactions among structures (broader material and cultural contexts within which institutions and actors are embedded), institutions (formal and informal rules that inform the actions of actors), and actors (individuals, organizations and/or collective entities) inform CPA. Yet CPA scholars rarely acknowledge, much less explore, such interactions among these interdependent factors. In common parlance, the terms ‘structure’, ‘institution’ and ‘organization’ are often combined and/or conflated. Notwithstanding, it is important to distinguish between them for academic purposes in order to analyze their relationship, interactions and influence. To do so, it is crucial to go beyond ‘context matters’ and to explore some of the interrelated dynamics informing CPA. This is exactly what the panel aims to do. This panel calls for original contributions that shed light on how, where, when and why structural, institutional and agency-level factors inform policy analysis.

The goals of this Panel are threefold: (1) to encourage empirical and theoretical interest in the structural, institutional and agency-level factors that inform CPA comparative perspectives, focusing on different levels of analysis, and applying different research methodologies; (2) to build richly contextualized, interdisciplinary and comparative conceptual or theoretical foundations for analysis and research; and (3) to stimulate further comparative empirical policy research that uses original data and focuses on, for example, comparative analysis of countries or cases in the policy domains. This involves examination of the impact of structural, institutional and agency-related factors affecting policy analysis at the national, the supranational, regional, or actor levels of analysis.

Given the limited attention paid to the individual and joint effects of structures, institutions and actors on policy analysis, this call for papers is purposefully broad. What is critical is to build bridges between the public policy and institutional scholarship, by using CPA in order to help develop new empirical and/or theoretical insights.

CALL FOR PAPERS

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Thursday, June 27th 16:30 to 18:30 (MB 3.255)

Bridging Structures, Institutions and Agents in Comparative Policy Analysis

Caner Bakir (Koc University)

Michael Howlett (Simon Fraser University)

Darryl Jarvis (Hong Kong Institute of Education)

RECONSIDERING THE FISCAL WAR IN BRAZIL: A morphogenetic analysis of industrial policy-making

Marcelo Gouveia Moreira (EloGroup Consultoria e Desenvolvimento)

Heterarchism: Toward Paradigm Shift in World Politics

Rosalba Belmonte (University of Perugia)

Philip Cerny (University of Manchester)

At the crossroads of country ownership and accountability in global aid effectiveness policy: the role of the Forum Secretariat, the regional organisation as intermediary between domestic and regional instrument constituencies in the Pacific

Suzanne O'Neill (Department of Pacific Affairs College of Asia and the Pacific Australian National University)

Diffusion of Financial Stability Committees after the 2008 Crisis: Orchestration in Global Governance and the Role of Instrument Constituencies

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