P04 / Agency Policymaking: Dynamics and Contributions to National Public Policies

Topic : POLICY FORMULATION, ADMINISTRATION AND POLICYMAKERS

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GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

Much of the discussions, literature, and studies on public policymaking focus on the role of legislative bodies and policy implementation in the executive branch of the government. More often than not, the role of public agencies or the bureaucracy in public policymaking is glossed over. Yet, the scant literature about them points out their importance in the formulation of public policies. As policy implementors, and the ones involved in the monitoring and evaluation of the relevant programs or projects, the bureaucracy is in the position to speak clearly about the need to correct the implementation of the existing public policies, amend/modify or altogether, terminate them. A handful of studies have already raised issues about agencification (Bach, Niklasson and Painter, 2012), policy autonomy or independence from politicians (Berry and Gersen, 2017; Selin, 2015; Rose-Ackerman and Perroud, 2013; Bach, Niklasson and Painter, 2012), judicial/statutory interpretation or adjudication (Phillips, 2021; Stack, 2009; De Mesquita and Stephenson, 2007; Koch, 2005; Magillt, 2004), delegation to the bureaucracy of the regulatory policymaking function of the legislature (Wiseman, 2009; De Mesquita and Stephenson, 2007), public participation or mass public engagement (Judge-Lord, 2021; Mendelson, 2007), legislative oversight (Clinton et al., 2014; Feinstein, 2017), executive turnover's influence on policy implementation (Bertelli and Lewis, 2013), multiple agency policymaking (Bils, 2020), etc. In spite of these, there is still a need to conduct more studies on the dynamics of internal policymaking in government bureaucracies and their contributions to (national) public policymaking. For this purpose, the following questions have to be satisfactorily answered: What is the role of agencies in public policymaking? What factors affect their participation in public policymaking? Are there areas for autonomous public policymaking reserved for agencies? Do they produce better policies that lead to effective public service? What factors could this be attributed to? What is the state of internal policymaking in agencies? Or, how well-developed is the internal policymaking in agencies? What are the dynamics involved?

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Format of the panel: Hybrid (onsite & online)

CALL FOR PAPERS

Agency Policymaking: Dynamics and Contributions to National Public Policies

The panel is calling for theoretical and empirical papers that tackle the nature of agency policymaking, the dynamics of agency internal policy development, and their contributions to the formulation of (national) public policies. The papers should be able to answer one or more of the following questions:

1. What is the role of agencies in public policymaking?

2. What factors affect their participation in public policymaking?

3. Are there areas for autonomous public policymaking reserved for agencies?

4. Do agencies produce better policies that lead to effective public service? What factors could this be attributed to?

5. What is the state of internal policymaking in agencies? Or, how well-developed is the internal policymaking in agencies? What are the dynamics involved?

“Agency” as utilized in this call, generally refers to executive government agencies at the national level, e.g., ministry/department, bureau, etc.

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Session 1Policy Development Processes at the National Government Level

Wednesday, June 28th 08:00 to 10:00 (KHE332)

Discussants

Juan Carlos Triviño Salazar (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

Abraham Manalo (University of the Philippines Diliman)

The road better taken – A comparison of the policy formulation route taken by select ASEAN countries on their domestic adoption and regulation of modern agricultural biotechnology

Abraham Manalo (University of the Philippines Diliman)

Does the Background of the Regulator Matter? Representative Bureaucracy, Critical Mass and Cultural Capture in Regulatory Bodies

Juan Carlos Triviño Salazar (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

Ixchel Pérez-Durán (Universitat Autónoma de Barcelona)

Yannis Papadopoulos (University of Lausanne)

Agency Policy Development Processes in the Philippines: Roles, Processes, and Patterns

Ebinezer Florano (University of the Philippines Diliman)

Eunice Teodoro (University of the Philippines Diliman)

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Session 2POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES AT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL

Wednesday, June 28th 10:20 to 12:20 (KHE332)

Discussants

Masao Kikuchi (Meiji University)

Joan Ruiz (Isabela State University)

Making Civil Society Integral to Local Public Finance

Joan Ruiz (Isabela State University)

Resident-government relations and residents' trust in local government in the Philippines

KENICHI NISHIMURA (Osaka University)

Masao Kikuchi (Meiji University)

The Legislation and Policymaking in the Local Government Units (LGUs) in the Philippines: The Science and Participatory Challenge

Geraldo Petilla (University of the City of Manila)

Barangay Policymaking Processes: Public Policies at the Frontline

Ebinezer Florano (University of the Philippines Diliman)

Entrepreneurial Orientation as a Personnel Development Policy in Public Universities

Alessandro Silva Junior (Federal University of Viçosa)

Magnus Emmendoerfer (Universidade Federal de Viçosa - UFV / UNESCO CHAIR CEPPBRASIL)

Josiel Valadares (Universidade Federal de Viçosa)

Tamiris Resende (Prefeitura Municipal de Belo Horizonte)