P03 / Politics, Politicization and Public Policy: Grasping the different epistemological and ontological perspectives

Topic : POLICY, POLITICS AND POLITICAL REGIME

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GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

While the link between politics and public policy has been a persistent research question in the field of politics since its inception, there is no clear mapping of the different perspectives and approaches. In this panel, we would like to discuss the possibility of better understanding the different perspectives. More specifically, we would like to discuss how the different perspectives can change our understanding of what a public policy is and how to understand the policy process. We proposed to discuss three different categories

1) Considering that these two concepts are ontologically different, each with its own logic, its own configuration of actors and its own field of activity, some authors approach this question in terms of the relationship between two different systems, the political system and the public policy system.

2) Other authors favour an epistemological distinction, arguing that while there is indeed an autonomous political system with its own logic, this time public policies are considered as objects that can be politicised, i.e. that can become political objects.

3) Other authors have argued that public policy is ontologically a political object and consider its design and implementation as political activities.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The aim of this panel is to discuss the question of the relationship between politics and public policy on the basis of empirical and/or theoretical work, explaining the epistemological and/or ontological perspective chosen to grasp these two concepts. We call for papers that refer to the 3 (or more) categories of understanding of the relationship between politics and policy in order to discuss, stabilize or criticize this categorization.

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Session 1

Thursday, July 3rd 10:15 to 12:15 (E1)

The Politics of Intent: Concealment, Strategic Ambiguity, and Procedural Control

Yashas P R (Christ University)

PRERNA YADAV (Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay)

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Unpacking the Politics of Disaster Governance: Advancing Critical Disaster Studies Through Post-Structuralist Discourse Theory

Watcharapol Supajakwattana (Naresuan University)

Left-Wing Swiss Cities Under Neoliberal Pressures: An Analysis of Zurich and Lausanne (1973–2023)

Mountazar Jaffar (University of Lausanne)