W11 / Regime transitions and public policies

Topic : Policy Process, Policy Making, Policy Implementation

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The workshop invites empirical papers with both quantitative and qualitative methods that investigate the nexus between public policies and political regimes' transitions. Listed below are some questions to illustrate possible topics for papers. These questions are not exhaustive or comprehensive, and we welcome any other lines of investigations that address policy aspects of regimes' transitions. We particularly welcome papers that address such transitions from a comparative perspective.

- What are the consequences of regime transitions on the patterns of policy making, including policy formulation, decision making procedures, the involvement of policy actors or the features of policy implementation?

- Are there any specific public policy patterns enabling the maintenance of particular political regimes? Do, for instance, economic policies of democracies and autocracies substantially differ? If they do, how and why?

- What are the consequences of regime transitions on policy patterns and particular policy choices? Are there particular policy areas on which specific regimes tend to focus?

- Are there particular policies and policy failures that contribute to regime changes?

- What kind of policies are used in legitimizing either autocratic or democratizing tendencies? How do policy makers use these policies to enhance their political cause?

- Are there differences in usage of transformative policies across varying levels of economic development? Do democratization/autocratization tend to involve different sets of policies at different levels of development?

ABSTRACT

Abstract :

Traditionally public policy studies as a discipline was focusing on the governance of liberal democracies and began to investigate the policy practices of non-democratic regimes only relatively recently. The workshop seeks to contribute to the scholarship of comparative analysis of public policies in different regimes with a specific focus on the policy-related aspects of regime changes and transitions between political regimes. The endeavour is made timely by the observable trends of hybridization, democratic backsliding and autocratization in many polities around the globe. However, equally interesting are the policy aspects of democratic transitions: whether or not democratization tends to be associated with particular policy patterns, implemented while leaving behind regimes based on the rule of narrow political elites. The workshop seeks to address questions like: What are the consequences of regime transitions on the patterns of policy making and policy choices? Are there policies and policy failures that contribute to regime changes? And, conversely, what kind of policies are used in legitimizing autocratic or democratizing tendencies? The workshop welcomes empirical papers with both quantitative and qualitative methods that investigate the nexus between public policies and political regimes transitions.

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Session 1

Tuesday, June 28th 10:00 to 12:00 (C415)

Discussants

Attila Bartha (Centre for Social Sciences, ELKH and Corvinus University of Budapest)

The effects of democratic backsliding on cross-border regional policy-making in Central Europe: the cases of Hungary’s border regions

Sara Svensson (Halmstad University College)

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Session 2

Tuesday, June 28th 14:00 to 17:00 (C415)

Discussants

Marta Jaworska (Nicolaus Copernicus University of Torun)

Tamás Barczikay (ELKH)

Short Run versus Long Run Successes? Pandemic Policy Making in European Populist and Liberal Democracies

Attila Bartha (Centre for Social Sciences, ELKH and Corvinus University of Budapest)

Marianna Kopasz (Centre for Social Sciences / Institute for Political Science)

Reinforcing national sovereignty in context of emerging rightwing populism in Europe: The case of post-2015 Hungarian immigration policies

Zoltan Adam (Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary)

József Golovics (Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary)

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Session 3

Wednesday, June 29th 09:00 to 12:00 (C415)

Discussants

Marianna Kopasz (Centre for Social Sciences / Institute for Political Science)

Lidiia Voevodina (University of Brunei Darussalam/Georgetown University)

Higher education policy following a regime transition – an analysis of the reform trajectory in Poland

Marta Jaworska (Nicolaus Copernicus University of Torun)

Davide Donina (Nicolaus Copernicus University of Torun)

Corruption and Democratic Decline: a Case Study of Hungary

Aron Hajnal (Corvinus University of Budapest)

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Session 4

Wednesday, June 29th 14:00 to 17:00 (C415)

Discussants

Sara Svensson (Halmstad University College)

László Kiss (Centre of Social Sciences, Budapest)

Autocratic Tendencies and Transformative Policy Strategies to Mitigate Autocratization in Russia and Belarus

Lidiia Voevodina (University of Brunei Darussalam/Georgetown University)

Transitional Constitutionalism in Hungary

Istvan Stumpf (University of Public Service and Széchenyi István University, Hungary)

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Session 5

Thursday, June 30th 09:00 to 12:00 (C415)

Discussants

Aron Hajnal (Corvinus University of Budapest)

Istvan Stumpf (University of Public Service and Széchenyi István University, Hungary)

The media influence on policy agendas in Hungary: Studying the effect of regime hybridization

Tamás Barczikay (ELKH)

Zsolt Boda (ELTE Centre for Social Sciences)

Which public policy topics the opposition is talking about?

László Kiss (Centre of Social Sciences, Budapest)