W03 / Analyzing and conceptualizing international public policies: towards a sociology of the policy process approach

Topic : Policy Process, Policy Making

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The making of public policy in a context of globalization is subject to circulations, transfers and adaptations according to dominant accounts of 'best practices'. While the intensification of these flows is widely acknowledged and studies of global public policies have been developed, relatively less attention is being paid to the analysis and conceptualization of international public policy-making. This is why this workshop is focused on the analysis of international public policies, combining public policy and international relations perspectives. Even if the difference and boundaries with global public policies is not always clear and the overlaps are important, the notion of international public policy is more specifically focused on the role of international (intergovernmental) organizations in the tackling of policy issues, historically developed at local and national levels. Our specific objective is to foreground sociological analyses of international policy-making and policy processes (notably issue framing, agenda setting, policy formulation, decision-making and implementation).

In international relations perspectives the role of international organizations has been notably analyzed with the notion of “international regimes” (Krasner, 1983), which has been adapted to public policies issues (especially international trade) and not only to issues linked to war and peace. The starting point of this workshop is the analysis of the shaping and development of international public policy regimes combining the four dimensions of a public policy (Hassenteufel, 2021):

-a dominant orientation, based on the framing of the key policy issues, in relation with the use of knowledge and values;

-international and transnational actors structured around these issues: international organizations, NGOs, think tanks, multinational companies, foundations, epistemic communities…;

-institutionalized rules of interactions between international, national and transnational policy actors;

-policy instruments: not only regulatory also financial, fiscal, economic…

In this workshop we want to discuss methodological and conceptual issues related to international public policy regimes with papers analyzing various policy fields such as health, migrations, environment, food and agriculture, trade, energy, economic development, education, social policies, financial and monetary regulation…

From a methodological point of view, the focus is on the sociological analysis of these international and transnational policy actors at the different stages of international public policy processes. We welcome papers raising methodological issues such as:

-the internal analysis of international organizations and of transnational actors with qualitative methods (ethnography, observation…), used in public administration and international relations (Ege, Bauer, 2013), also in sociology of mobilization and sociology of interest groups perspectives;

-the interactions between the different policy actors acting in international arenas (also between international organizations which often compete on the same policy issues, between states with different political and geopolitical orientations, between transnational actors who are often structured in coalitions…) by using qualitative (interviews, observation…) and quantitative methods (especially network analysis);

-the empirical analysis of the implementation of international policy instruments at national and local levels.

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Session 1Introduction

Wednesday, June 26th 10:15 to 12:00 (AULA 18)

Discussants

Luis Rivera Velez (Center for Mexican and Central American Studies CEMCA)

sofia wickberg (University of Amsterdam)

Analyzing International Public Policies in a sociological policy process perspective

Patrick Hassenteufel (Université Paris-Saclay)

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Beyond Borders: Multilateral diplomacy shaping the UN Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration

Itziri Gonzalez Barcenas (Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS))

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Session 2The role of Policy Communities

Wednesday, June 26th 14:00 to 17:15 (AULA 18)

Discussants

Ignacio Torres Justiniani (Universidad Virtual del Estado de Guanajuato)

Jason Camacho (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)

(Virtual) Epistemic communities or communities of instruments? International food policies through the lens of expertise

Lise Cornilleau (Université Paris-Saclay)

(Virtual) Conceptualizing transnational policy communities: the case of the anti-corruption community and its role in defining corruption

sofia wickberg (University of Amsterdam)

Vaccine Hesitancy: Polysemic ideas, global expertise and understanding responses to health crisis

Adam Hannah (University of Queensland)

Katie Attwell (University of Western Australia)

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Session 3The role of International Organizations

Thursday, June 27th 09:00 to 12:15 (AULA 18)

Discussants

Lise Cornilleau (Université Paris-Saclay)

Adam Hannah (University of Western Australia)

Keeping the window of opportunity open to international global climate action: the UN Secretary-General as policy entrepreneur

Luis Rivera Velez (Center for Mexican and Central American Studies CEMCA)

Influence of international courts on global public policies

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Programmatic ideas from international organizations adopted through policy diffusion in the design of the Human Development Bonus in Ecuador

Santiago Albuja (FLACSO Ecuador)

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Session 4The role of Policy Transfer

Thursday, June 27th 14:00 to 17:15 (AULA 18)

Discussants

Santiago Albuja (FLACSO Ecuador)

Carlos Moreno-Jaimes (ITESO)

The change in Mexico's urban policy through the transfer of policies from UN-Habitat and its international agenda

Jason Camacho (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)

The moment is ripe for Mental Health Diplomacy: A multi-case study of four countries' approach to the WHO's Mental Health Action Plan (2013-2030)

Anaami Pandit-Haji (CPI)

Transforming the Middle East: Innovative Strategies for Youth Deradicalization, Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

Mohamad Dayyan Ayoubi (Celal Bayar University)

Ramila Hasanpour (Gazi University Ankara)

Farzaneh Esmaeiliaminlouei (Dokuz Eylül University)

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Session 5Conclusion

Friday, June 28th 09:00 to 12:15 (AULA 18)

Discussants

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Anaami Pandit-Haji (CPI)

Ideological Divide and Binational Policymaking in Mexico and the United States

Carlos Moreno-Jaimes (ITESO)