

T07P07 / Policy Advice and Policy Advocacy in China

Topic : T07 / Policy Design, Policy Analysis, Expertise and Evaluation

Chair : Xufeng Zhu (Tsinghua University)

GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

As topics intensely discussed since the 1960s, policy advice and policy advocacy have been the essential topics in public policy and political life in Western liberal democracies. It has been traditionally believed that policy advice and advocacy are insufficient and inefficient in China. Since 2013 the Chinese top leadership has started to officially promote the establishment of “New Style Think Tanks with Chinese Characteristics”. In this context, think tanks, and other related intellectual organizations, have been a hot topic in China. Recently, policy advice and advocacy have become less politically sensitive than before. However, the mechanisms and dynamics need to be further explored. What are the strategies and methods these policy actors use to promote policy ideas? What are the reasons and consequences of policy advice and policy advocacy in China? What are the determining factors that facilitate or obstruct the success of policy advice and advocacy in China? Empirical quantitative and qualitative researches on this topic are welcome in the panel.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers that address any aspects of policy advice and policy advocacy in China are welcome. Topics may include but are not limited to:

- Institutional settings and behavioral strategies in policy advice and policy advocacy.
- The policy analysis professions (experts, scientists, entrepreneurs, NGOers, NPC delegates and others).
- The relationship between the two domains of policy analysis and decision making.
- Roles of consultants, think tanks & evidence-based policy making.
- Roles of interest groups in policy advocacy.
- What are the reasons and consequences of policy advice and policy advocacy in China?

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Session 1

Friday, June 30th 08:15 to 10:15 (Block B 3 - 5)

Discussants

Xun Wu (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

How does policy advocacy drive a major policy change in an authoritarian regime? The case of national birth control policy in China (1980–2015)

Wei Li (Huazhong University of Science and Technology)

Wilson Wai Ho Wong (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

China's advocacy groups activities: overview of groups' inside and outside lobbying strategies

Emina Popovic (Freie Universitaet Berlin)

The problems of modern heritage conservation in China: evidence of policy implementation gaps from Guangzhou

Pui Yi Angela Lee (The University of Hong Kong)

Y.S. Frederick Lee (The University of Hong Kong)

Embracing Scientific Decision Making: The Rise of Think Tank Policy in China

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