

# T01P04 / Mechanisms of Local Policy Experimentation in China

**Topic :** T01 / Policy Process Theories

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## GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

Decades of literature in study helps understand policy experimentation in western democratic countries. For example, governments with sharing similar social problems and political pressures created by electoral institutions tend to respond by adopting similar welfare and regulatory policies. Likewise, geographically proximity facilitates neighboring governments mutually learn from each other. In terms of vertical intergovernmental relations, central (or federal) governments sometimes design policy experimentations through top-down legislation, or select pilot sites to implement policy experimentations.

However, some distinct features in authoritarian China, such as political loyalty, fiscal resource sharing, administrative centralization, and peer competition, have much complicated our analysis on policy experimentation. Unfortunately, it is still unclear why and how policy experimentation occurs in authoritarian regimes like China. This panel will discuss the dynamics of policy experimentation in the specific circumstance of China.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

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

- How the experiments are designed and implemented?
- How the government evaluates and interprets the experiment results?
- The role of scientific methods in designing and evaluating the experiment results?
- The role of central and local governments in the experimental approach?
- Debates over the application of a single case to heterogeneous local governments?
- The different responses of policy actors to experimental approach?

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## Session 1 Mechanisms of Local Policy Experimentation in China

Friday, June 30th 13:45 to 15:45 (Block B 2 - 1)

### Discussants

Shamsul Haque (Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore)

JIE GAO (National University of Singapore)

### Local Government's Policy Instrument Choice for Low Carbon Pilot City: A Case Study of Zunyi City

Qijiao Song (North China Electric Power University)

Shihong GUO (Tsinghua University)

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### Local Policy Experimentation of the Extended Producers' Responsibility Scheme for Promoting the Recycling of Waste Lead-Acid Batteries in China

Chao Zhang (Tsinghua University)

Xufeng Zhu (Tsinghua University)

### Policy design and implementation of emission trading pilots in China

Lili Li (Auburn University)

### Flowers Blossom and Fade: Themes Change of China's local Policy Innovation 1980-2010

Ciqi Mei (Tsinghua University)

### Multiple Mechanisms of Policy Diffusion in China

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