

# T08P14 / Policy Narratives and Public Policy

**Topic :** T08 / Policy Discourse and Critical Policy Research

**Chair :** Elizabeth Shanahan (Montana State University)

## GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

The study of narratives has a long and rich history in the field of public policy. This body of work engenders a range of epistemological approaches, from interpretive and contextually based (e.g., discursive politics) to the more quantitatively oriented (e.g., Narrative Policy Framework). In turn, the accompanying assortment of narrative methodologies has been used in the analysis of a broad array of substantive public policies at multiple scales and in a variety of contexts. This diversity of approaches and policy substance has produced conceptions of policy narratives that invoke diverse theoretical and philosophical traditions and varied operational protocols. While many of these approaches to the study of policy narratives converge, there are also critically important areas of divergence. In the interest of illuminating these points of convergence and divergence, the goal of the Policy Narratives and Public Policy panel is to hear scholarly works that are centered on how narratives operate in the public policy process across different policy contexts.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

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## Session 1 Applications of the Narrative Policy Framework

Friday, June 30th 08:15 to 10:15 (Block B 4 - 6)

### Discussants

Elizabeth Shanahan (Montana State University)

LOUIS LEBEL (UNIT FOR SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH)

### Policy narratives and the imposition of state power - Case of India's "criminal tribes"

Commuri Chandra (California State University, Bakersfield)

### Applying the narrative policy framework to charter schools within the news media

Nevbahar Ertas (University of Alabama at Birmingham)

Andrew McKnight (University of Alabama at Birmingham)

### Demonetization in India: deconstructing the "common man"

Gautam Prateek (Arizona State University)

### The transformation of reform narratives - evidence from NPM reforms in Germany

Jens Weiss (Harz University of Applied Science)

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## Session 2 Policy Narratives of Cultural, Institutional, and Social Policies

Friday, June 30th 10:30 to 12:30 (Block B 4 - 6)

### Discussants

Commuri Chandra (California State University, Bakersfield)

Nevbahar Ertas (University of Alabama at Birmingham)

### The narratives of end-of-life policy: How dying becomes a policy issue?

Nathalie Burlone (University of Ottawa)

### Integration narratives and large-scale infrastructure development in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region

LOUIS LABEL (UNIT FOR SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH)

### Polarization and controversy: Effects of narrative strategies in peacebuilding policy (Colombia)

Ortiz Pedraza Erika J. (National University of Colombia)

### Policy narratives of formation of comprehensive support system for parenting and child care in Japan

Mutsuko Takahashi (Graduate School of Social Welfare Studies, Kibi International University)

### Transformation of the Narrative Construction of EU and its Relationship with the German Cultural Policy

Ruirui Zhou (Institute for Social Economic Science)