

T08P04 / Theory and Practice of Deliberative Policy Analysis

Topic : T08 / Policy Discourse and Critical Policy Research

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GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

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- (1) Theoretical foundations of deliberative policy analysis
- (2) Relations between DPA, mainstream positivist policy analysis, and other post-positivist policy analysis approaches
- (3) DPA and relevant fields, such as public deliberation and conflict resolution
- (4) The roles of and interactions between policy experts, deliberative analysts, involved stakeholders, lay citizens, and policy makers
- (5) Organizational issues and procedures of DPA
- (6) DPA case study
- (7) DPA development in a specific country or a region
- (8) Review essays of DPA
- (9) Theoretical or practical challenges of DPA
- (10) Critical study of DPA

References:

- Fischer, F., & Forester, J. (1993). *The argumentative turn in policy analysis and planning*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
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- Hajer, M. A., & Wagenaar, H. (2003). *Deliberative policy analysis: Understanding governance in the network society*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
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The panel is open to diversified types of submissions. Theoretical, methodological, critical, and empirical approaches are all welcome.

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Session 1 Theory and Practice of Deliberative Policy Analysis

Friday, June 30th 13:45 to 15:45 (Li Ka Shing LKS 1 - 2)

Discussants

Hendrik Wagenaar (University of Sheffield)

Unpacking forms of knowledge in policy deliberation: Analytical insights from policies coping with disasters in Thailand

Piyapong Boossabong (Chiang Mai University School of Public Policy)

The promise and challenge of deliberative policy analysis

Ya Li (School of Public Administration, Beihang University)

Deliberating Community Radio: Narratives of Policies and Praxis from South Asia

Preeti Raghunath (University of Sheffield)

Three Frameworks for Integrating Interpretive Inquiry with Deliberative Policy Analysis

Jianzi He (Department of Political Science at the Ohio State University)

Ya Li (School of Public Administration, Beihang University)