Politics and Policy Making 20511

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Course Objectives

The course provides the main analytical tools needed to understand the functioning of national and international policy making. After a brief introduction on the relations and main differences between political science and public policy analysis, in the first part the emphasis is on public policy analysis theory and on the various phases of the policy process (such as formulation, adoption, implementation). The second part focuses on a number of area case studies such as the European Union and Italy, and the tools provided in the first part of the course are used in order to understand specific policy evolutions and changes over the past decades.

Course Methodology

The course will combine lectures and class discussions based both on students' presentations and on specific readings.

Learning Materials

Textbook: M. HOWLETT, M. RAMESH, A. PERL, *Studying Public Policy,* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009.
Coursepack: Collection of scientific articles, which will be made available online.

Assessment Methods

The assessment methods have been designed in order to stimulate your active involvement in the course and to develop a mix of knowledge and know how. The grade breakdown is as follows:

Individual memo	20%
Group assignment	30%
Final exam	50%

Detailed instructions on the memo and group assignment will be provided in class.

Instructor - *Paolo R. Graziano*
Full professor of Political Science (since 1 October 2015), University of Padua, previously Associate Professor (until 30 September 2015), Bocconi University; Professor, ISPI, and Research Associate, European Social Observatory, Brussels. He has held visiting positions at a number of universities, including Oxford (2015), Sciences Po Paris (2014, 2004-2011), UW Seattle (2013), Université Libre de Bruxelles (2013), Roskilde (2009), Amsterdam (2008), European University Institute (2008), UC Berkeley (2004). He has worked as consultant for several social and cultural NGOs, local Italian public administrations and agencies (among others, Municipality of Berlin, Comune di Alessandria, ASPeF Mantova, Provincia di Milano, Comune di Pavia, Provincia di Pavia, Regione Lombardia), Department of European Affairs (Italian government) and the European Commission (DG Employment and Social Affairs). He holds a Master in Economics and Management of Third Sector Organizations and a PhD in Political Science from the University of Florence.

Further Information
This syllabus, any change and updates, additional readings, important announcements and course slides can be found at the *Online learning space*.

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Draft schedule

Session	Date	Topic & assignments	Readings
1	Mon. Sept. 14th 16:15-17.45	Course presentation & overview	Howlett, Ramesh & Perl, Ch. 1.
2	Tues. Sept. 15th 10:30-12:00	Understanding Public Policy: Theoretical Approaches	Howlett, Ramesh & Perl, Ch. 2.
3	Mon. Sept. 28st 16:15-17:45	The Policy Context I	Howlett, Ramesh & Perl, Ch. 3
4	Tues. Sept. 29th 10:30-12:00	The Policy Context II	Howlett, Ramesh & Perl, Ch. 3.
5	Mon. Oct. 5th 16:15-17.45	Guest speaker – **Irene Tinagli** (Italian National Parliamentarian)	-
6	Tues. Oct. 6th 10:30-12:00	Agenda-Setting	Howlett, Ramesh & Perl, Ch. 4.
7	Mon. Oct. 12th 16:15-17.45	Guest speaker – **Francesco Pierri** (FAO, Chief of Advocacy Unit, Rome)	-

8	Tues. Oct. 13th 10:30-12:00	Policy Formulation and Adoption	Howlett, Ramesh & Perl, Ch. 6-7.
9	Mon. Oct. 26th 16:15-17.45	Policy Implementation and Evaluation	Howlett, Ramesh & Perl, Ch. 7-8.
10	Tues. Oct. 27th 10:30-12:00	Patterns of Policy Change	Howlett, Ramesh & Perl, Ch. 9.
11	Tues. Oct. 27th 13:00-14:30	Guest speaker - **Alexios Mantzarlis** (Director and Editor of the New International Fact-Checking Network)	-
12	Mon. Nov. 2nd 16:15-17.45	Guest speaker - **Francesca Lionetti** (Project Officer, Council of Europe)	-
13	Tues. Nov. 3rd 10:30-12:00	Europeanisation: Politics & Policies	Graziano and Vink, 2012
14	Mon. Nov. 9th 16:15-17.45	Students' presentations	-
15	Tues. Nov. 10th 10:30-12:00	Europeanisation and Domestic Employment Policy	Graziano 2011
16	Wed. Nov. 11th 10:30-12 (TBC)	Guest speaker – **Stefania Danzi** (International Relations Manager, Italcementi)	-
17	Mon. Nov. 16th 16:15-17.45	Students' presentations	-
18	Tues. Nov. 17th 10:30-12:00	Social Movements and Political Consumerism: the SCMO Social Movements and Public Policy: The Occupy Wall Street Case	Forno and Graziano, 2014
19	Mon. Nov. 23th 16:15-17.45	Students' presentations	-
20	Tues. Nov. 24th 10:30-12:00	From Movements to Parties: Podemos, FSM and Syriza	Font, Graziano and Tsakatika, 2015
21	Tues. Nov. 24th 13:00-14:30	Guest speaker **– Valentina Ammaturo** (Easycare Foundation, Reggio Emilia)	-
22	Mon. Nov. 30th 16:15-17.45	Lobbying & Interest Groups in the EU	TBD
23	Tues. Dec. 1st 10:30-12:00	Students' presentations	-
24	Wed. Dec. 2nd 10:30-12 (TBC)	Lobbying & Interest Groups in Italy. Conclusion of the course	TBD