POSC 265 Public Policy and Global Capitalism, Winter 2020

Location: Willis 204

Time: M,W 9:50 - 11, F 9:40-10:40

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Course Description

This course is designed to familiarize students with the study of public policy. We will explore how public policy issues are identified, analyzed, implemented and assessed through an examination of relevant cases studies and student presentations. Because public policy occurs in the context of a changing global economic and political environment we will also discuss major developments that impact policy making, governance, forcasting and evaluation.

Textbook


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5 January - 11 January

Monday

Introduction & Course Logistics
Discussion: What is Public Policy?
Reading: CPPA Chapter 1

Wednesday

Problem Identification and Structuring
Reading CPPA Chapter 2

Friday

Case Study Fighting Crime: The Case for Emptier Prisons
CSUP Roundtable

12 January - 18 January

Monday

Globalization, Coordination and Leadership
Readings and Video
Peter S. Goodman, "The Post-World War II Order is Under Assault from the Powers that Built It" (NY Times, March 26, 2018)
Brookings Institution panel, "World Order without America?" (November 2018) [video]
Sean Ehrlich, "The Collapse of Embedded Liberalism in a Time of Populist Nationalism?" Duck of Minerva (blog) (Dec. 23, 2016) URL

Wednesday

Forecasting Institutional Impacts
Reading
CPPA Chapter 3

Friday

Case Study Washington DC School Reform
CSUP Roundtable

19 January - 25 January
Monday

Forecasting Policy Options
Reading CPPA Chapter 4

Wednesday

Case Study Transit Options for Metro's Purple Line
CSUP Roundtable

Friday

Class visit with Professor Jeff Frieden topic TBA
Technology and Economic Networks
Reading and videos:
Who Wins from the Digital Economy? [video]
How the Internet of Things is Transforming the Global Economy [video]

26 January - 1 February

Monday

Work, Automation, Outsourcing and Inequality
Readings and videos:
Thomas Piketty visits HLS to debate his book 'Capital in the Twenty-First Century' [video]
Why We Can All Stop Worrying About Offshoring and Outsourcing [video]

Wednesday

Pricing and Public Policy
Reading CPPA Chapter 5

Friday

Case Study Cigarette Tax Clouds Boosts among States
CSUP Roundtable
2 February - 8 February

Monday

Democracy, Populism, Governance

Reading and video

Steve Bannon v. David Frum (Munk Debates: The Rise of Populism, Nov. 2, 2018) [video]

Can Democracy Cure Capitalism?


Wednesday

Cost Effectiveness Analysis

Reading CPPA Chapter 6

Friday

Case Study Fighting HIV a Community at a Time.

CSUP Roundtable

9 February - 15 February

Monday

Mid-term Break, No Class.

Final Paper Proposal is Due by 5pm on Tuesday February 11.

Wednesday

Cost-Benefit Analysis

Reading CPPA Chapter 7

Friday

Case Study The Debate over Ambient Air Quality Standards

CSUP Roundtable

16 February - 22 February

Monday

Group A Presentation. Topic: TBA

Wednesday
Group B Presentation. Topic: TBA

Friday

In Class Visit with local politician, topic TBA, bio: [follow link]

23 February - 29 February

Monday

Group C Presentation. Topic: TBA

Wednesday

Group D Presentation. Topic: TBA

Friday

Media-based Case Material or In-Class Visitor Topic TBA

1 March - 7 March

Monday

Group E Presentation. Topic: TBA

Wednesday

Group F Presentation. Topic: TBA

Friday

Media-based Case Material or In-Class Visitor Topic TBA

8 March - 14 March

Monday

Group G Presentation. Topic: TBA

Wednesday

Group H Presentation. Topic: TBA

Friday

No Class, Reading Day

Final Policy Analysis Paper is due Monday March 16 by 9:30 PM (the final day of exams) by College Policy Late Papers cannot be accepted.