Policy-Making in Europe: Theories, Methodologies and Empirics

Seminar Autumn 2011
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Tuesdays 08:45-10:45, Seminar Room 3

It is the objective of the seminar to discuss policy-making processes in the European Union and how they are embedded in the international policy environment from a theoretical, methodological and empirical perspective. The main questions to be raised are:

(1) How does policy making work within the European polity in such different fields as the environment, social policy, the internal market, financial markets, trade policy or justice and home affairs? How do actors from the different institutions cooperate; how do they cooperate with private actors and which conflicts do typically emerge?

Going beyond the European polity centered view we have to analyze the multiple influences from the international environment and how the impact upon the internal workings of EU policy-making.

(2) How is European policy making facilitated and restricted by external international conditions? Does the internationalization of markets restrict the latitude of European policy-making? If yes, which policies are most likely to be restricted and why? Or does internationalization open up new opportunities for an expansion of European policy-making, if yes, why?

But also

(3) How does the EU, in turn, influence decision-making processes in the international environment? How do actors of the EU shape
official international decision-making processes and/or engage in transnational cooperation with private actors in order to influence international policies, such as trade policy or environmental policy? Can European policy solutions serve as a model for policy-making in other regions of the world, and if yes, why and how?

These three perspectives of (1) internal functioning, (2) international influences, and (3) influencing the international environment shall be brought to bear in all the sessions focusing on various important European policy areas.

They will be discussed from a theoretical, methodological and empirical perspectives. In other words, it will be asked from which theories do various authors derive answers/hypotheses to their research questions? How do they validate methodologically the “truth” of their claims/answers? Which empirical material is being used in order to show the validity of their claims or disconfirm their claims?

Participants are expected
- either to critically discuss two texts of the syllabus
- or present their own research on European policy making and critically discuss one text of the syllabus

Session One: October 4, 2011
Introduction; Task Assignment

Session Two: October 11, 2011

Theories of European integration and European policy making


Steunenberg, B., Toshkov, D., 2009, Comparing Transposition in the 27 member states of the EU: the impact of discretion and legal fit, JEPP, 16(7), 951-970 Discussant: Christos Garoufas

((Hooghe, L., Marks, G. 2003, Unraveling the Central State, but How; Types of Multi-level Governance, APSR, 233-243))

Session Three: October 18, 2011

Institutions


((Follesdal, A. and Hix, S., 2006, Why There is a Democratic Deficit in the EU: A Response to Majone and Moravcsik, JCMS 44 (3): 533-62 ))


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((Kelemen, D. 2012 The Rise of Eurolegalism and implications for democracy in the EU, JCMS, forthcoming))

Maurer, A. 2011 Inter-institutional agreements, Paper EUSA Boston Discussant: Anwar Abdallat


Own research project: Anwar Abdallat

Session Four: October 25, 2011

Financial Markets regulation, Fiscal and Monetary Policy


Session Five: November 8, 2011

Trade Policy:

Duer, A., Elsig, M. 2011, Principals, agents, and the EU’s foreign economic policies, JEPP, 18(3), 323-338 Discussant: Christos Garoufas

Duer, A. 2008, Bringing Economic Interests Back into the Study of EU Trade Policy-making, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, 10(1), 27-45 Discussant: Julian Schwarzkopff


Session Six: November 15, 2011

Environmental Policy

Holzinger K., Sommerer T., 2011, ‘Race to the Bottom’ or ‘Race to Brussels’? Environmental Competition in Europe, JCMS, 49(2), 315-339

Parker, C.F., Karlsson, C., 2010, Climate Change and the EU’s Leadership Moment: An Inconvenient Truth, JCMS, 48(4), 923-943 Discussant: Julian Schwarzkopff
Knill, C., Tosun, J., 2009, Hierarchy, Networks, or Markets: how does the EU shape environmental policy adoptions within and beyond its borders? JEPP 16(6), 873-894

Own research project: Benedetta Cotta

Session Seven: November 22, 2011

Justice and Home Affairs

Lavenex, S., 2006, Shifting Up and Out: The Foreign Policy of European Immigration Control, WEP, 29(2), 329-50 Discussant: Christos Garoufas

Monar, J., 2011, Justice and Home Affairs, JCMS, 49 Issue Supplement s1, 145-164


Session Eight: November 29, 2011

Social Policy


(Lindstrom, N., 2010, Service Liberalization in the Enlarged EU: A Race to the bottom or the emergence of transnational political conflict?, JCMS, 48(5), 1307-1327 )


Sapir, A. 2006, Globalization and the Reform of European Social Models, JCMS, 44(2), 369-90 Discussant: Raphael Reinke

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Scharpf, F.W., 2002, The European Social Model: Coping with challenges of diversity, JCMS, 40(4), 645-670

Session Nine: December 6, 2011

**Infrastructure Networks policy**

Eikeland, P.O., 2011, The Third Internal Market Package: New power relations among member states, EU institutions and non-state actors?, JCMS, 49(2), 243-263

((Kaeding, M., 2007, Better Regulation in the EU: Lost in Translation or Full Steam Ahead. The Transposition of EU Transport Directives across Member States, Leiden, Leiden UP))


((Humphreys, P., Simpson, S., 2008, Globalization, the ‘Competition’ State and the Rise of the ‘Regulatory’ State in European Telecommunications, JCMS, 46(4), 849-874))

Session Ten: December 13, 2011

Own research projects:

Eliska Drapalova
Markus Gastinger
Chiara Milan
Rebecca Wolffberg

Conclusions