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Public Policy Analysis
(07-1)

Additional Useful Background Readings

WEEK I: Introduction to Policy Analysis: Origins and Purpose

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Wildavsky, Aaron. "Rescuing Policy Analysis From PPBS." Public Administration Review. no. March-April (1969): 189-202.

Haas, Peter M. "When Does Power Listen to Truth? A Constructivist Approach to the Policy Process." Journal of European Public Policy. 11, no. 4 (2004): 569-592.

WEEK II: The Policy Analysis Movement

Lasswell, Harold D. "The Policy Orientation." In D. Lerner and H. D. Lasswell, ed(s), The Policy Sciences: Recent Developments in Scope and Method, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1951. 3-15.

Torgerson, Douglas. "Contextual Orientation in Policy Analysis: The Contribution of Harold D. Lasswell." Policy Sciences. 18(1983): 240-252.

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WEEK III: Modern and Post-Modern Policy Analysis: Techniques and Practices

Dryzek, John. "Policy Analysis as Hermeneutic Activity." Policy Sciences. 14, no. 4 (1982): 309-329.

White, L. G. (1994). "Policy Analysis as Discourse." Journal of Policy Analysis and Management 13(3): 506-525.

WEEK IV: Policy Analysis in Canada: Origins, Growth and Impact

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Evert A. Lindquist and James A. Desveaux. "Policy Analysis and Bureaucratic Capacity: Context, Competencies, and Strategies" in L. Dobuzinskis, M. Howlett and D. Laycock eds., Policy Analysis in Canada: The State of the Art Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2007)

WEEK V: Policy Analysis in Canadian Governments (I): By Jurisdiction

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WEEK VI: Policy Analysis in Canadian Governments (II): Specialized Agencies

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WEEK VII: Policy Analysis in Canadian NGOs (I): Business and Labour

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Atkinson, M. M. and C. W. Pervin (1998). Sector Councils and Sectoral Corporatism: Viable? Desirable? Forging Business-Labour Partnerships: The Emergence of Sector Councils in Canada. M. Gunderson and A. Sharpe. Toronto, University of Toronto Press: 271-294.

WEEK VIII: Policy Analysis in Canadian NGOs (II): Parties and Interest Groups

Pross, P. (1992). Group Politics and Public Policy. Toronto, Oxford University Press. Chapters 6 and 7

Brooks, Stephen and Andrew Stritch. Business and Government in Canada. Scarborough: Prentice-Hall, 1991. Chapter 9

Grima, A. P. (1985). Participatory Rites: Integrating Public Involvement in Environmental Impact Assessment. Environmental Impact Assessment: The Canadian Experience. J. B. R. Whitney and V. W. Maclaren. Toronto, University of Toronto Institute for Environmental Studies: 33-51.

WEEK IX: Policy Analysis in Canadian Brokerage Groups (I): Think Tanks and the Media

Lindquist, E. (1998). “A Quarter Century of Canadian Think Tanks: Evolving Institutions, Conditions and Strategies”. Think Tanks Across Nations: A Comparative Approach. D. Stone, A. Denham and M. Garnett. Manchester, Manchester University Press: 127-144.

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Abelson, Donald E. Do Think Tanks Matter? Assessing the Impact of Public Policy Institutes. Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2002.

WEEK X: Policy Analysis in Canadian Brokerage Groups (II): Academics, Consultants and Pollsters

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Cohn, Daniel. "Jumping into the Political Fray: Academics and Policy-Making." IRPP Policy Matters. 7, no. 3 (2006)

WEEK XI: Canadian Policy Analysis in Comparative Perspective

Durning, Dan and Will Osama. "Policy Analysts' Roles and Value Orientations: An Empirical Investigation Using Q Methodology." Journal of Policy Analysis and Management. 13, no. 4 (1994): 629-657.

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WEEK XII: Evaluating Policy Analysis in Canada and Elsewhere: Evidence-Based Policy Making and Usable Knowledge

Weiss, Carol H. "The Uneasy Partnership Endures: Social Science and Government." In S. Brooks and A. C. Gagnon, ed(s), Social Scientists, Policy and the State, New York: Praeger, 1990. 97-111.

Adams, David. "Usable Knowledge in Public Policy." Australian Journal of Public Administration. 63, no. 1 (2004): 29-42.

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MacRae, Duncan. "Policy Analysis and Knowledge Use." Knowledge and Policy. 4, no. 3 (1991): 27-40.

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WEEK XIII: Training Policy Analysts: The Role of Political Science

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Fleishman, Joel L. "A New Framework for Integration: Policy Analysis and Public Management." American Behavioural Scientist. 33, no. 6 (1990): 733-754.

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