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20th Anniversary Workshop

"Causal Claims and Causal Inferences in
Comparative Policy Analysis"

JPCA & ICPA-Forum 20th
Anniversary Workshop held in
conjunction with IPPA prior to the



International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP4)

Venue: Concordia University, Montreal

Date of Pre-Conference Workshop: June 25-26, 2019

Topic:

T02 / COMPARATIVE PUBLIC POLICY

Convenors:

Iris Geva-May, The Wagner School, NYU; Simon Fraser University Vancouver

Philipp Trein, Faculty of Business and Economics (HEC), University of Lausanne

Guillaume Fontaine, the Latin American Faculty for Social Sciences (FLACSO)

Workshop Objectives

The objective of this workshop is to discuss the theoretical implications of different concepts of causal inferences and causal claims in CPA, and in particular how scholars and practitioners identify and deal with causation in theory and practice. Participants are expected to contribute to the discussion with an 8,000 word paper based on a small-n or a large-n comparison of substantive policies within or in-between social units.

The following questions may be addressed as guidelines for the discussion:

1. What is the nature of causality in your comparative framework?
2. What theory (or theories) of causation has it been supported or produced by?
3. How was this theory operationalized?
4. Which comparative methods have been favored to assess the causal inferences or causal claims?
5. How have these methods combined with others in the research design?
6. What contribution does the research make to CPA methods?

The workshop will be sponsored by the ICPA-Forum scholarly society and the Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis, Routledge on its 20th anniversary, to advance this important CPA issue. Submitted papers may be shortlisted for publication in the JCPA following the journal's standard blind fold reviewing process.

SCHEDULE

JUNE 25, 2019 | 16:00-18:00

Special Pre-Conference Event

KEYNOTES - A dialogue on Causality in Comparative Policy Analysis

Presentation of the workshop, by Iris Geva-May, Philipp Trein and Guillaume Fontaine



- "What Have We Learned? Time to Look in the Mirror. Questions for Comparative Policy Analysts", by **Beryl Radin**, Georgetown Public Policy Institute of Georgetown University, Washington, DC
- "Causal Claims and Causal Inferences in Comparative Policy Analysis", by **B. Guy Peters**, Maurice Falk Professor of Government, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

JUNE 25, 2019 | 18:00-19:00

RECEPTION of the JCPA and ICPA- Forum Scholarly Society:

- All participants of the JCPA and ICPA-Forum Workshop. Q&A on publication possibilities.
- Editors and friends of JCPA are invited.

JUNE 26, 2019 | 14:00 – 16:00

Session Title: Process-Tracing and Comparative Policy Analysis

Discussant: **Beryl Radin**

- Getting Underneath the Hood : The Implications of Mechanism Approaches for Policy-Process Theorizing

Author: Adam Wellstead - awellste@mtu.edu

- Modes of policy learning as causal mechanisms: coming up with a "policy learning measuring instrument" for qualitative research

Author: Jonathan Kamkhaji - j.c.kamkhaji@exeter.ac.uk

- Contending with Policy Legacy: Comparative Case Study of Local Health Insurance in Indonesia and the Philippines

Author: Kidjie Ian Saguin - kidjie_saguin@u.nus.edu

JUNE 26, 2019 | 16:30-18:30

Session Title : Aligning Methodology and Ontology

Discussants: **Iris Geva-May** - igm235@nyu.edu

- The Role and Impact of Policy Learning Approaches in Comparative Policy Analysis

Author: Claire Dunlop - c.a.dunlop@ex.ac.uk

- Better understanding of the policy process through randomised designs in the field

Author: Peter John - peter.john@kcl.ac.uk

- From a causal to a consequentialist perspective: a pragmatic approach to compare policy processes differently

Author: Philippe Zittoun - philippe.zittoun@entpe.fr

JUNE 27, 2019 | 8:00 – 10:00

Session Title: Process Tracing and Qualitative Comparative Analysis

Discussants: **Guillaume Fontaine** - gfontaine@flacso.edu.ec

- Why not privatize schools? A Bayesian Process Tracing analysis of divergent school choice reform paths in France and England

Author: Charlotte Haberstroh - c.m.haberstroh@lse.ac.uk

- Using comparative methods in search of causality: Advancing the state of energy justice research by using a case-oriented approach

Author: Brent Burns - bburns@mtu.edu

- Modeling the Black Boxes of Causation

Author: Alessia Damonte - alessia.damonte@unimi.it

JUNE 27, 2019 | 10:30 – 12:30

Session Title : Quantitative and Qualitative Comparative Analysis

Discussants : **Philipp Trein** - philipp.trein@unil.ch

- Understanding the effectiveness of policy interventions. On the methodological implications of different conceptualizations

Author: Valerie Pattyn - v.e.pattyn@fgga.leidenuniv.nl

- The Familial Foundations of the Welfare State: Government as a Nurturing Institution in Cross-National and Historical Perspectives

Author :Eileen McDonagh - emcd@neu.edu

- An ACF Explanation of the Canadian Firearms Act: Regularity Versus Mechanistic Causation

Author: Tim Heinmiller - theinmiller@brocku.ca

JUNE 27, 2019 | 12:30—14:00

- LUNCH MEETING (lunch will be provided)
- EDITORIAL BOARD and FRIENDS OF THE JCPA and ICPA-Forum

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