



POLITICAL ECONOMY OF PUBLIC POLICY

PP 602

PROGRAM: MS PUBLIC POLICY

Spring 2021

Monday: 6-9 pm, 3L-10

Three credit hour

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Areas of Interest: Public Policy Analysis, collaborative governance, institutions and institutional design, Poverty and Microfinance

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Course Description: The first half of the course focus on the theoretical underpinnings of political economy. The second half develops understanding of Pakistan's political economy. Selected theories, especially institutional analysis and development framework, network theory etc are reviewed to develop conceptual foundation of the course to understand politico-economic interplay. The politico-economic interaction is shaped by institutions (rules and norms) which shape the policy process and the outcome. It highlights the interactive political dynamics of multiple policy field actors (bureaucracy, legislators and judiciary) influencing economic decisions and policy process and outcome. After understanding theoretical aspects, Pakistani context of political economy is reviewed. Some selected policies will also be analyzed and Pakistani case studies discussed for better comprehension of the subject.

Learning outcomes

1. Comprehend theoretical concepts in institutions-in-form and institutions-in-use which shape policy process and outcomes
2. Highlight the institutional aspect of political economy
3. Understand working and power interplay of domestic politics and markets.
4. Analyze the influence of rent seeking behavior on economic activity
5. Comprehend the role of bureaucracy, legislators and judiciary in political economy

COURSE STRUCTURE

Course Requirements:

The course is highly interactive and depends on the participation of the learners. Additionally, students are required to write a 3,000-4000 words research paper that will account for the 20% mark. Your grade will be determined as follows:

a) **Grading**

- 1) Research Paper 20%

Select your topic from the course outline within a week and discuss with the resource person. The paper will be submitted after plagiarism checked from the library. Attach plagiarism report along with the paper

- 2) **Class Participation, Discussion, Presentations, Attitude (punctuality, timelines, phone use etc.) – 15%**

- 3) **Attendance -10 %**
- 4) Mid-term exams – 15 %
- 5) Final exams – 40 %

Total 100%

Grading criteria

The course is learner centered. This means the students will not only come prepared for class discussion but also prepare readings and present it. The format is as follows:

Two students will prepare readings in every class meeting and present.

The remaining students (each) will prepare one question from the readings which will be asked from the presenters. This is a marked activity and will be reflected in final grading.

All assignments and material must be turned in by the dates assigned. Please plan accordingly!

1) Attendance

a) Be regular and punctual. If you do not attend, you cannot participate which will affect your grades. Plan personal vacation, social commitments, and travel around the class schedule.

2) Academic Integrity Policy: Academic integrity is the central value of an academic community. It is expected that graduate students will neither engage in nor facilitate cheating (using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids), fabrication (falsification or invention of any information or citation), or plagiarism (representing the words or ideas of others as one's own) in their academic work. **The Academic Integrity Policy contains strict sanctions, including expulsion, for all forms of academic dishonesty. Students found guilty of violating other UMT norms, such as engaging in moral and ethical misconduct, or in actions that are harmful to others or threaten the orderliness and wellbeing of the campus, are subject to equally strict sanctions in accordance with these norms and UMT regulations.**

3) Attitude

This class has certain rules that must be adhered. Adherence to rules reflects your attitude. Use of mobile phone, tablets etc. is not allowed during the discussion session, listening carefully to the speaker, responding intelligently to the questions shows your attitude. Please be mindful of your behaviour.

Make-up Exams and Late Assignments: There will be no make-up exams, unless there is a valid (documented) reason for not taking the scheduled exams, and prior arrangements have been made with the instructor. Five percent of the grade will be deducted for each day an assignment is late.

TOPICS

Class/ Date	Topic	Readings	
1 1 March 2021	Structure of the course and Introduction to political economy of public policy Learning outcomes: Break the ice, introduce ourselves and understand the structure of the course		Interactive session
2 8 March	What is political economy	1. Mesquita, <i>Political economy for public policy</i> , Introduction and Normative framework	Interactive session
3 15 March	What is political economy	Sachkery et al. Introduction to political economy. Chap 1	Interactive session
4 22 March	Classical theories of state and class	1. Karl Polanyi, “political economy and the discovery of society”	Interactive session
5 29 March	Public good and collective choice	1. Anarchy, State and Public Choice Chap 4 “Anarchy Unbound....”	Interactive session
6 5 April	Pressure and interest groups	1. TBA Fundamentals of Game theory	Interactive session
7 12 April	Institutions	1. Douglass North “Institutions” 2. E Ostrom, Institutional rational choice: an assessment of the IADF	Interactive session
8 19 April	The Theories of policy process	1. Adam, S. and Kriesi, H., The network approach	
9 26 April	MID TERM		Interactive session
10 3 May	The theories of policy process	1. Helen I. Schneider and Deleon, Social construction and policy design	Interactive session
11 10 May	Post-colonial state	1. Hamza Alavi, “Social Forces and Ideology in the making of Pakistan” 2. Amin et al, <i>Nation building in developing state</i> Rizvi, (2016) Circulation of elites in Pakistan’s politics	Interactive session
12 17 May	Political economy of Industrial Development	1. Imran Ali and Adeel Malik, (2009). “Political Economy of Industrial Development in Pakistan: A Long Term Perspective,” <i>The Lahore School Of Economics</i>	Interactive session

		2. Matthew McCartney, (2014). "The Political Economy of Industrial Policy: A Comparative Study of the Textiles in Pakistan," <i>The Lahore School of Economics</i>	
13 24 May	Political economy of Bureaucracy	1. Wamsley, G. L and Zald, M (1973). "The political economy of public organization," <i>ASPA</i> 2. Richardson, Political economy of bureaucracy, Chap 2	
14 31 May	The rural arena of political economy	1. Sabrin Beg, "Political Economy of Land Institution, Tenure and Agriculture Productivity," Yale University 2 . Akbar, Z. A new political economy	
7 June	Eid holiday		
14 June	Winding up		Submission of the research paper

Recommended Readings

1. Dennis C Mueller, Public Choice III, Cambridge Uni

2. Journals which are useful for this course are *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *American Economic Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Public Choice*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*.