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PP 602

PROGRAM: MS PUBLIC POLICY

Spring 2022

Wednesday: 6-9 pm, 4L-5

Three credit hours

**Resource Person**: **Seemi Waheed**

**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, particularly 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) and global financial organizations influencing economic decisions, 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 political economy which shape policy process and outcomes
2. Understand the institutional aspect of cooperative, noncooperative, behaviour which influence policy outcome
3. Assess the role of power in public policy, politics and markets
4. Analyze the influence of rent seeking behavior on economic activity
5. Comprehend the political economy of bureaucracy, legislators and judiciary

**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:

1. **Grading**
2. 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

1. **Class Participation, Discussion, Presentations, Attitude (punctuality, timelines, phone use etc.) – 15%**
2. **Attendance -10 %**
3. **Mid-term exams – 15 %**
4. **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 due dates. 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**

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| **Class/ Date** | **Topic** | **Readings** |  |
| 1  9  March 2022 | Structure of the course and Introduction |  | Interactive session |
| 2  16 March | What is political economy | 1. Introduction to Political economy chap15  2. Mesquita*, Political economy for public policy,* Introduction and Normative framework | Interactive session |
| 3  30 March | Justice | Rawls, A theory of Justice, Chapter 2 |  |
| 4  6 April | Power & Politics | Harold Laswell, *Politics*: (Elite, Symbols).  Power and Society Chap on Power | Interactive session |
| 5  13 April | Game theory | McCain (2015). Game theory and public policy, chapter 4, 5 & 6 | Interactive session |
| 6  20 April | Game theory | McCain (2015). Game theory and public policy, chapter 4, 5 & 6 | Interactive session |
| 7  27 April | Post-colonial state | 1. Hamza Alavi, “Social Forces and Ideology in the making of Pakistan”  2. Amin et al, *Nation building in developing state*  Rizvi, (2016) Circulation of elites in Pakistan’s politics |  |
| 8  4 May | Case study | Political economy of infrastructure: Lahore-Islamabad Motorway | Case analysis |
| 9  11 May | Government & Economy | Review of economic development in Pakistan  Jeffery Frieden 2020 Political economy of economic policy | Interactive session |
| 10  18 May | MID TERM |  |  |
| 11  25 May | Political economy of taxation | Ashfaq Ahmed 2020 Pakistan: Withholdingisation of the Economic System—A  Source of Revenue, Civil Strife, or Dutch Disease  Pasha 1995 Political economy of tax reforms in Pakistan | Interactive session |
| 12  1 June | Balance of Payment | Akbar Zaidi 2015. Chap. 9 Pakistan’s balance of payment and trade regimes |  |
| 13  8 June | Political economy of international funding organization | Akbar Zaidi Chapter 16 Structural Adjustment Programme  Tony Killick The IMFs role in developing countries | Interactive session |
| 14  15 June | Political economy of international funding organization | Akbar Zaidi Chapter 17 Structural Adjustment Programme  The letter of Intent | Interactive session |
| 15  22 June | Concluding session and wrap-up | Assignment submission |  |

**Recommended Readings**

1. Harold Laswell and Kaplan 1950 Power and Society
2. Rawls J. 1971 A theory of justice
3. McCain 2015 Game theory and public policy
4. Handouts will also be distributed.