

CCS251e Policy Making in China

Level: 2

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JAN

E-Learning: BLENDED - Learning is done MAINLY online using interactive study materials in Canvas. Students receive guidance and support from online instructors via discussion forums and emails. This is supplemented with SOME face-to-face sessions. If the course has an exam component, this will be administered on-campus.

Synopsis:

CCS251 Policy Making in China examines how public policies are formulated, rationalized and implemented in China. Public policies in the Chinese economy and social sector are examined, dispelling the myth of a monolithic, top-down Leninist policy-making process. Instead, there have always been significant policy variations and experimentations throughout China and the bureaucratic system has always been pluralist and fragmented both horizontally and vertically. The making of public policies in China is characterized by protracted bargaining and incremental consensus-building. Students learn to appreciate the particularistic ways in which public policies are made and come to understand the complex problems of governing China.

Topics:

- Theoretical Models of Policy-making
- Participants and Factors in Policy-making
- The Formal and Informal Processes of Policy-making
- Policy Implementation and Distortion
- Central-local Relations in Policy Implementation
- Coordination Mechanisms
- Policy Innovation and Initiative
- Economic Policy
- Social Policy
- Foreign Policy
- Policies on Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan
- Shortcomings of Public Policy-making in China

Textbooks:

Saich, Tony: Governance and Politics of China (Third Edition) 2015, 4th Edition Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan
ISBN-13: 9781137445278

Learning Outcome:

- Demonstrate basic knowledge in public policy making in China;
- Apply political science and public administration concepts and theories to public policy making in China;
- Discuss the variables in shaping particular policies in the ways they are in practice;
- Appraise the effectiveness and limitations of public policies in China.
- Analyze how public policies are formulated and implemented in China;
- Discuss problems in public policies and suggest practical solutions.

Assessment Strategies:

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
PRE-CLASS QUIZ	5
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	15
PRE-CLASS QUIZ	5
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	25
Sub-Total	50

Examinable Component	Weightage (%)
ECA	50
Sub-Total	50

Weightage Total **100**