

The 2016 Edition

The *Summer School*, now at the second edition in Padova, is an initiative of the *Standing Group of Political Science and Public Policy* (<http://www.sispsg.unibo.it/>) aimed to promote the diffusion of theories and methods of policy change in the belief that they can improve institutional efficiency in meeting social demands.

The institutional dimension of policy processes is one of the most frequently addressed issues in policy analysis. However, this aspect is also somewhat misunderstood and therefore can be difficult to work with. Public policy institutions take on considerable importance in the context of financial market failures, the pressure of migratory flows and terroristic attacks, and in relation to environmental and food safety risks that endanger human health.

The Summer School will offer its participants diverse approaches and research methods to deal with the institutional variable in a comparative perspective. We will seek to answer to the following questions:

- How can institutional variables be studied in the context of policy processes?
- How do institutional variables work in policy-making?
- What relevance do institutional mechanisms have in policy change?

Constitutional reforms are often indicated as evidence of policy change and proposed as a solution for improving capacity building and good governance. But is this truly the case?

The Summer School will focus on approaches and methods that may be used by scientific research programs as well as by those working in both the public and private sectors.

The Local Organizing Committee

Academic Coordination:

Maria Stella Righettini

DSPGI, University of Padova

Ekaterina Domorenok

Scientific Coordinator

DSPGI, University of Padova

Activities

The Summer School will take place from Monday 18 July to Saturday 23 July 2016.

Each morning will feature a lecture held by an international scholar, followed by an interactive discussion. Participants will be required to read a certain number of articles germane to each lecture, as an introductory activity to the morning sessions.

In the afternoon, sessions will be organized into working groups. Within each group Ph.D. candidates and students are invited to present and discuss their research projects or case study.

The working groups will be coordinated by academic tutors and participants will have access to PCs, internet, documents and relevant data.

At the end of the week students will present and discuss the advancements of their projects or their case-studies. A certificate of participation will be awarded to each participant.

Information

For more information visit

<http://www.spgi.unipd.it/ricerca/winter-summer-school/summer-school-2014-eng/>

Or email: inapp@unipd.it



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI
DI PADOVA

Dipartimento di Scienze politiche,
giuridiche e studi internazionali



CONSIGLIO REGIONALE DEL VENETO

SP
SP

Summer School in
Public Policy

INSTITUTIONS &
POLICY CHANGE

Seventh
Edition

Padova
18-23 July 2016

Department of
Political Science, Law
and International
Studies (SPGI)

Who can apply

The Summer School is aimed at Ph.D., Master and Post graduate students, to *practitioners* and to public officials.

How to apply

A minimum of 18 and a maximum of 24 participants will be admitted. The registration fee is € 80 for students and € 120 for *practitioners*. Participants are required to cover their own travel and accommodation costs. Two scholarships are available for non-EU students, covering the registration fee and accommodation costs.

Application should be submitted before 7 April 2016 at the email address inapp@unipd.it using the form available at <http://www.spgi.unipd.it/ricerca/winter-summer-school/summer-school-2014-eng/> and enclosing all the documents required.

Program

Monday 18 July, Palazzo Ferro-Fini, Canal Grande - Venezia

h. 9.00: **Welcome Address**

Maria Stella Righettini (University of Padova)

Roberto Ciambetti, President of The Regional Council of Veneto

h. 9.30 – 10.00: **Presentation of the Summer School Introduction**

Andrea Lippi, (University of Florence) –
SISP Standing group of public policy

h. 10.00 – 12.30: **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

The Policy Design Theory: evolution and implications

Mike Howlett, Simon Fraser University (Canada)

h. 12.30-14.30: Lunch

h. 14.30 – 16.30

Introduction to Working Groups

Maria Stella Righettini and Ekaterina Domorenok
(University of Padova)

h. 16.40 - Visit to Piazza San Marco

Tuesday 19 July, University of Padova

h. 9.30 – 12.30

Patterns of policy change: mechanisms and dynamics

Giliberto Capano (University of Pisa)

h. 12.30-14.30: Lunch

h. 14.30 – 17.30:

Understanding Welfare State change: Theories and methods.

Paolo Graziano (University of Padova)

Wednesday 20 July, University of Padova

h. 9.30 – 12.30

Framing the change: The case of environmental policies

Mike Howlett – Simon Fraser University (Canada)

h. 12.30-14.30: Lunch

h. 14.30 – 17.30: **Working Groups**

Ekaterina Domorenok - Giorgia Nesti (tutors)

h. 18.00 – Visit to the Giotto's Scrovegni Chappel

Thursday 21 July, University of Padova

h. 9.30 – 12.30

The behavioural approach to policy change

Peter John

University College London (UCL)

h. 12.30-14.30: Lunch

h. 14.30 – 17.30:

Nudges and policy agenda

Peter John

University College London (UCL)

h. 18.00 – Visit to the Anatomic Theatre, Bo' Palace

Friday 22 July, University of Padova

h. 9.30 – 12.30

Mechanisms for policy redesign: The case of food safety in the EU

Maria Stella Righettini (University of Padova)

h. 12.30-14.30: Lunch

h. 14.30 – 17.30: **Working Groups**

Ekaterina Domorenok - Giorgia Nesti - (tutors)

Saturday 23 July, University of Padova

h. 9.00-13.00

Groups' Presentations and Discussion

Maria Stella Righettini and Ekaterina Domorenok
(University of Padova)

h. 13.00 – 13.30

Closing Remarks

Lectures will be held in the "Seminar Room"
Second floor of the main Building of the DSPGI –
Via del Santo 28 - Padova
