

IISER Pune - Course Content

Semester	AUG 2025
Open to Semester	5,7,11,13,21,9
Course Code	HS3514
Course title	Public Policy II
Nature of Course	LE - Lecture
Credit	4
Coordinator and participating faculty (if any)	Dr. Bejoy Thomas
Pre-requisites	None
Objectives	<p>This course is taught by Prof. Subodh Wagle.</p> <p>This pair of courses will introduce a field of ‘Public Policy’ that would be very relevant for practicing scientists. The courses are designed especially for the students of physical sciences. The courses introduce concepts, theories, and models from the field of public policy. These theoretical inputs will be illustrated with case studies from public policy practice. These illustrative cases are specially curated for Indian students of disciplines other than social sciences. In most classes, there will be separate components for presentation and discussion on such illustrative cases. These two courses are designed to be stand-alone, and students can opt for one or two courses in any sequence. The second course will be focused on the latter phases of the public policy process—i.e., implementation, performance, compliance, and evaluation. The course will discuss concepts, models, and theories pertaining to these latter phases. The course will begin with a comprehensive introduction to India’s Legislative, Administrative, and Judicial Systems. It will also introduce two interesting frameworks. The first framework, called the Structural Grammar Tool, will help unravel and analyze the strategic plans built into the design of policy instruments such as laws and rules. The second framework will help understand the working of accountability on the ground in terms of different elements and types of accountability relationships.</p>
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Concepts in Public Policy (Relevant to the Course) (6) • Introduction to Legislative, Administrative, and Judicial Systems in India (8) • Theories and Models of Policy Implementation:

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	<p>Emergence of Implementation Theories, Top-Down and Bottom-Up Theories (6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Performance Model and Structural Grammar of Policy Instruments (4) • Accountability in Implementation: Accountability Relationship Framework (2) • Introduction to Policy Compliance (2): • Introduction to Policy Evaluation (3) • Approaches and Models of Policy Advocacy (3)
Evaluation / Assessment	50% Mid-Sem and 50% End-Sem
Suggested readings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anderson, James. 2003. Public Policy Making. New York, NY: Houghton Milfin. 2. Howlett, Michael, Ramesh, M., Perl, Anthony. 2009. Studying Public Policy: Policy Cycles and Policy Sub-Systems. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press 3. Peters, Guy B. 2015. Advance Introduction to Public Policy. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar. 4. Smith, Kevin and Larimer, Christopher. 2009. The Public Policy Primer. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. 5. Wu, Xien, Ramesh, M., Howlett, Michael, and Fritzen, Scott A. 2010. The Public Policy Primer: Managing the Policy Process. New York, NY: Routledge
When Next	NA
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