

# **GV120 - Politics and Economics Policies**

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# Seminar timetable

Week number	Groups and activities
6	Discuss take-home assignment Samuel Leonard and Joshua Kelly
7	Discuss in-lecture test Halide Asafogullari and Azhan Airwan (week 6)
8	Henry Adebisi and Nyima Jobe (week 6) Kwamina Keelson and Shiv Bhatt (week 7)
9	Ethan Liddel and Patrick Turuthi
10	Dorsa Heidari and Aleksandra Waszescik Domantas Seveliovas and Abigail Kiely
11	Amine Yemmou and Khashayar Namdari-Gharaghani (week 10)

# Recap of concepts learnt in class

Remember:

a. Definition of pure public good

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b. Four aggregation technologies

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c. Five Olson's principles of collective action (Olson 1965)

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# Recap of concepts learnt in class

Remember:

- a. Definition of pure public good
  - Non-rivalry
  - Non-excludability
- b. Four aggregation technologies
  - Summation
  - Weakest link
  - Threshold
  - Best shot
- c. Five Olson's principles of collective action (Olson 1965)
  - Similar preferences
  - Differences in size
  - Small groups
  - High stakes
  - Private benefits

## Apply concepts learnt in class to your examples

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1. A group of north-eastern states in the U.S. capping carbon emissions from their power plants
  - a. Is that a pure public good?
  - b. What aggregation technology is in place?
  - c. Can Olson's 5 principles help solve the problem of collective action?

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2. Commons (e.g.: freedom to breed, extinction of Passenger Pigeons, Gulf of Mexico dead zone)
  - a. Are commons a pure public good?
  - b. What aggregation technology is in place to preserve them?
  - c. Can Olson's 5 principles help solve the problem of collective action?

3. Global Polio Eradication Initiative (1988)
  - a. Is that a pure public good?
  - b. What aggregation technology is in place?
  - c. Can Olson's 5 principles help solve the problem of collective action?

4. Global warming protection
  - a. Is that a pure public good?
  - b. What aggregation technology is in place?
  - c. Can Olson's 5 principles help solve the problem of collective action?



## References

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