

GV120 - Politics and Economics Policies

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Seminar timetable

Week number	Groups and activities
5	Sònia Villalba and Sally Touray Emma Paulinyova and Emma Sornlund
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)

Today's presentations

Time for Sònia Villalba and Sally Touray and then for Emma Paulinyova and Emma Sornlund to present

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

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?

Apply concepts learnt in class to your examples

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?

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