Comparative Public Policy Paper Outline

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*Introduction*

* Iran and China are both authoritarian regimes with the majority of power controlled at the central level.
* Paper will explore the role and impact of central planning and spending in urban development in Iran and China, primarily focusing on infrastructure.
* How do these countries compare in terms of efficiency, in regard to their capability to implement domestic policies?

*Iran*

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* Housing, urban infrastructure, and agricultural shortages
* City governments further the difficulty of implementing development planning
* Sought to renew old urban fabric, Meher Housing Scheme (government incentivized private sector to build for young people who had never owned before)
* Development and investment for public infrastructure is neglected as a result of several offices, departments, and bureaus being involved in decision making
* Changes in agriculture and industrialization have led to rapid urbanization
* Decentralization of infrastructure/urban planning decision making could lead to more efficiency

Farhoodi, Rahmatoallah, Mehdi Gharakhlou-N, Mostafa Ghadami, and Panahandeh Khah Musa. “A Critique of the Prevailing Comprehensive Urban Planning Paradigm in Iran: The Need for Strategic Planning.” Planning Theory 8, no. 4 (11, 2009): 335-361. Doi:http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/1473095209341328. http://ezproxy.lib.davidson.edu/login?url=https://search.proquest.com/docview/1928314392?accountid=10427.

* Approval of urban development process: Technical Bureau of Province Urban Development Council, Provincial Urban Development & Architecture, Council, Technical Bureau of Supreme Council of Urban Development & Architecture of Iran, Supreme Council of Urban Development & Architecture
  + All of these institutions separately review and approve development proposals, which increases costs, decreases efficiency and transparency
* Urban planning process is done in secrecy with no public participation
* Central government often disregards and does not account for the local governments’ ability to carry out their development plans

*China*

* Ong, Lynette H. "State-Led Urbanization in China: Skyscrapers, Land Revenue and "Concentrated Villages"." The China Quarterly 217, (03, 2014): 162-179. doi:http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0305741014000010. http://ezproxy.lib.davidson.edu/login?url=https://search.proquest.com/docview/1510603546?accountid=10427.
* China, with streamlined and efficient government, is able to successfully implement urban planning and infrastructure projects

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Goh, Brenda. "China 2018 Transport Infrastructure Spending to Be Similar to 2017: State Media." Reuters. December 25, 2017. Accessed November 14, 2018. https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-economy-invstment/china-2018-transport-infrastructure-spending-to-be-similar-to-2017-state-media-idUSKBN1EJ08E.

* Building over 200,000 km of roads in 2018
* Projected to spend $14.24 trillion (USD) in infrastructure from 2016 to 2030 (https://www.statista.com/statistics/271779/infrastructure-spending-forecast-by-region/)

*Analysis*

* China’s more efficient government and greater capacity in domestic public policy has led to effective infrastructure development.
* Iran, as a developing country, generally struggles with acquiring land for and funding infrastructure projects
* In terms of road quality, China is ranked 42nd globally, Iran ranked 63rd (https://www.theglobaleconomy.com/rankings/roads\_quality/)
* Railroad quality: China 2nd, Iran 15th (https://www.theglobaleconomy.com/rankings/Railroad\_lines/)

**What needs work**

* Further research of specific facts regarding infrastructure: spending amounts (and percentage of GDP), specific public policies, conflicts/problems with them. Research/finding sources has been a problem, will meet with research librarian
* Drafting essay
* Formulating conclusion about how China has better policies