

RSM Winter School 2020 – Section II Methodologies

WS 1. Workshop on

Methods of policy analysis in territorial governance

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The workshop discusses how different methods for policy analysis can be employed in the field of territorial governance and spatial planning. First, it conceptualizes a system of territorial governance and introduces the main theories of policy analysis, with a focus on their methodological aspects. Then, it guides students towards framing research projects that use policy analysis against the backdrop of a territorial governance system.

As an institutional technology, operating as a hinge between the “government system” and the “spatial production and consumption system”, the system of territorial governance is indeed a social construction, in which public policies play a crucial role. A policy analysis approach in this respect can be a crucial and strategic research approach in order to go deeper in the understanding and exploration of decision making processes, institutional reforms and social conflicts. The workshop activities will consist of a first part dedicated to introducing the basics of theory and methodology and then a complimentary part based on an experimental “speed dating” exercise in which PhD candidates, divided in groups and supported by professors, will interact and help each other in framing or testing a policy analysis approach to their research project.

Suggested Readings

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Janin Rivolin U. (2012), *Planning systems as institutional technologies: a proposed conceptualization and the implications for comparison*, *Planning Practice and Research*, 27(1), pp. 63-85.

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