

## American Public Policy Promise And Performance 9th Edition

Designed for upper-level and professional courses, this text is a state-of-the-art introduction to the public policymaking process that gives equal attention to issues of policy implementation and public governance. It uses an innovative systems approach, integrating the activities, actors, tools, and techniques of policymaking, to provide a comprehensive framework for policy design and analysis. The book is practice-oriented, with a focus on the ways that policymakers at all levels employ the standard "technologies" of governance - authority, agency, program, rule, contract, and budget - to design policy outputs and achieve policy outcomes. Through extensive use of graphics, the text makes concepts easy to grasp for a generation of students accustomed to the visual presentation of ideas. Case studies illustrate the tools and techniques discussed, and key terms, questions for discussion, and suggested readings round out each chapter.

Now considered a classic amongst political experts, "American Public Policy" is an excellent overview of the fundamental processes and content of American public policy. Peters gives a clear exposition of the public policy environment from agenda setting to evaluation, identifying the governmental structures and procedures through which policy is designed and implemented. With characteristic flair for lucid and lively discussion, Peters examines the problems, goals, and important issues in substantive policy areas, including health care, social security and welfare, education, energy, environment, defense and law enforcement. A new chapter on social policy covering important contemporary topics such as abortion, school prayer, and gay rights enhances the currency of this accomplished review of public policy.

This anthology focuses on the behavioral study of political ideology and its connection to public policy formulation. The public policy implications of ideology, largely ignored by textbooks on ideology, have never been the purview of a single scholarly community. Instead, this area encompasses several specialties of political science, public administration, and economics. Across these disciplines the behavioral study of political ideology appears fragmented. This book is intended to pull these pieces together by showing the role of ideology in policy formulation and demonstrating methods by which the ideology-public policy relationship can be studied.

"Kraft and Furlong provide students with a conceptual understanding of public issues and how the public policy process functions. This book also provides a forum for discussions of social, economic, and sustainable development issues; their characteristics; and impacts on human beings (citizens) as well as the environment. It will give students the needed tools to make informed economic and human development decisions that could lead to sustainable growth, human capacity building, and better lives." —Robert Dible, Indiana University Kokomo With the right information, we can develop public policies that work better. All too often, public policy textbooks offer a basic grounding in the policy process without the benefit of integrating the use of policy analysis. Kraft and Furlong take a different tack. *Public Policy: Politics, Analysis, and Alternatives, Seventh Edition* helps students understand how and why policy analysis is used to assess policy alternatives. The text encourages them to not only question the assumptions of policy analysts, but also recognize how these strategies are used in the support of political arguments. The authors introduce and fully integrate an evaluative approach to policy to encourage critical and creative thinking on issues ranging from health care to climate change. From a concise review of institutions, policy actors, and major theoretical models to a discussion of the nature of policy analysis and its practice, Kraft and Furlong show students how to employ evaluative criteria in six substantive policy areas. Students come away with the analytic tools they need to understand that the motivations of policy actors—both within and outside of government—influence a complex yet comprehensible policy agenda. A Complete Teaching & Learning Package LMS Cartridge (formally known as SAGE Coursepacks) Import this title's instructor resources into your school's learning management system (LMS) and save time. Don't use an LMS? You can still access all of the same online resources for this title via the password-protected Instructor Resource Site.

Package American Public Policy: Promise and Performance, 8th Edition with Issues for Debate in American Public Policy, 11th Edition! American Public Policy, 8th Edition Now in its eighth edition, B. Guy Peters's trusted text once again provides a meticulous overview of the process behind-and the current state of- American public policy. In addition to balanced and comprehensive coverage of governmental structures and policymaking procedures, Peters addresses an array of specific policy issues as well as cost-benefit and ethical analysis. Brief "background" sections now start each issues chapter, providing readers with additional context before they dive into current problems and policies. In addition to an in-depth look at economic policy in light of the current financial turmoil and recession, this revision includes valuable new material on the politics of international treaties and climate control and devotes further attention to foreign policy. In a brand new chapter Peters accessibly explains approaches to the policymaking process, including institutional, economic, constructivist, and stages models, along with concepts such as the advocacy coalition framework, bounded rationality, and incrementalism. Updated graphics, tables, and charts throughout ensure that students have access to the latest data in the field, while new photos illustrate important points. For more information about American Public Policy: Promise and Performance, 8th Edition, including testimonials and a table of contents, please click [here](#). Issues for Debate in American Public Policy, 11th Edition Can the U.S. afford universal health-care coverage? Should the EPA continue implementing strict caps on carbon emissions? The new edition of Issues for Debate promises up-to-date coverage of sixteen important policy controversies and concerns, from managing the economic crisis at home, to the president's human rights agenda abroad. CQ Researcher readings provide a window into how policy is actually made and implemented and incorporate voices from key players in the policy process, from lobbyists and business leaders to those working in nonprofits and government agencies. Extensively researched, each issue includes current analysis as well as substantial background information, presenting all sides of an issue and laying the groundwork for lively classroom debate. Advancing critical thinking, each report includes the following useful features: pro/con box that examines two competing sides of a single question; detailed chronology; annotated bibliography and web resources, and photos, charts, graphs, and maps. For more information about Issues for Debate in American Public Policy, 11th Edition, including testimonials and a table of contents, please click [here](#).

The economic recession and the rising healthcare costs experienced by many states in the U.S. is leading us towards the enactment of legislation that will reform the way that healthcare is provided and paid for within the individual states. TennCare was developed in Tennessee as a bold healthcare reform strategy that would simultaneously contain rapidly rising Medicaid costs

while expanding insurance for a large, uninsured Tennessee population. The implementation of TennCare in January 1994 instituted the move of Tennessee's Medicaid patients into managed care health plans. This study describes the design, rationale, implementation strategy, and issues of the reform program, as well as offering in depth insight regarding the effects of the reform strategy on disproportionate share hospitals, i.e. hospitals that serve a large portion of Medicaid and uninsured patients. Data spanning ten years of pre- and post-TennCare were analyzed to determine the effects of TennCare on the hospitals. Dr. Ogbonna provides a template for dealing with policy, managerial, and administrative issues of rising healthcare costs in Tennessee and the nation in general.

Contains alphabetically arranged entries that provide information about significant people, legislation, and events in the history of American public policy, covering agriculture, civil rights, communications, crime, education, health, housing, and other topics.

This set offers a comprehensive collection of papers on this significant discipline. Published in two parts with new introductions to the individual volumes by the editor, this is an invaluable tool for any researcher in this area.

AMERICAN PUBLIC POLICY: AN INTRODUCTION engages students with a unique emphasis on specific, substantive issues of public policy. It also kindles discussion that helps make public policy personal as students apply their knowledge to real-life policies. The authors present policy material step-by-step-explaining each policy's historical context, building a picture of the existing policy, and prompting students to evaluate and discuss possible alternatives. This new edition includes updated and expanded coverage on key policy issues, including immigration, unemployment insurance, gun control, and the Affordable Care Act. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

"This is an in-depth yet quite accessible overlook of public policy in the United States...With this updated version, Peters' text keeps up with the ever-changing world of American public policy while still giving students the tools to better understand this process." —Michael E. Bednarczuk, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee This updated edition of American Public Policy provides a comprehensive yet accessible overview of the policy-making process from procedural approaches and policy instruments to in-depth analysis of specific policy issues. The Eleventh Edition considers how policy has been impacted by recent economic and political developments. Not shying away from the complexity of governmental procedure, Peters ensures that the mechanisms of the policy process are understandable through insightful discussions of topical policy areas. Give your students the SAGE edge! SAGE edge offers a robust online environment featuring an impressive array of free tools and resources for review, study, and further exploration, keeping both instructors and students on the cutting edge of teaching and learning. Learn more at [edge.sagepub.com/peters11e](http://edge.sagepub.com/peters11e). Bundle American Public Policy, 11e with any of the following texts for only \$5 more! Issues for Debate in American Public Policy, 19e: Use bundle ISBN 978-1-5443-4592-5 The CQ Press Writing Guide for Public Policy: Use bundle ISBN 978-1-5443-4141-5

In 'Vreemdelingen in hun eigen land' verlaat de beroemde socioloog Arlie Hochschild Californië, haar progressief linkse, kosmopolitische enclave vol gelijkgestemden, en trekt vijf jaar op met haar rechtse landgenoten in Louisiana, een van de armste en meest conservatieve staten van Amerika. Daar leert ze mensen kennen die een heel ander leven leiden en er ideeën op nahouden die haaks staan op die van haar. Hochschild raakt bevriend met een automonteur, een aannemer, een telefoonreparateur, een handelsreiziger, een vrachtwagenchauffeur, een conciërge en een gospelzanger, en probeert te achterhalen waarom zij tegen hun eigen belangen in aanhangers zijn van politici als Donald Trump en op hem stemmen. Het blijkt dat de angst voor culturele achterstelling, economische achteruitgang en het gevoel verraden te zijn door de staat doorslaggevend zijn. Tijdens haar zoektocht vindt Hochschild antwoorden op een van de cruciale vragen van de hedendaagse westerse politiek: waarom verzetten mensen zich met hand en tand tegen 'progressieve' overheidsinterventies terwijl zij daar zelf het meest van kunnen profiteren? Een must read voor iedereen die de opkomst van het rechtspopulisme en de alt-right-beweging wil doorgronden.

Traces the almost century-long struggle between Israel's largest healthcare provider, Kupat Holim, and successive Israeli governments.

Covers the most recent topics in the field of environmental management and provides a broad focus on the theoretical and methodological underpinnings of environmental management Provides an up-to-date survey of the field from the perspective of different disciplines Covers the topic of environmental management from multiple perspectives, namely, natural sciences, engineering, business, social sciences, and methods and tools perspectives Combines both academic rigor and practical approach through literature reviews and theories and examples and case studies from diverse geographic areas and policy domains Explores local and global issues of environmental management and analyzes the role of various contributors in the environmental management process Chapter contents are appropriately demonstrated with numerous pictures, charts, graphs, and tables, and accompanied by a detailed reference list for further readings

AMERICAN PUBLIC POLICY is an introductory undergraduate and best selling text that engages students' interest with its unique emphasis on specific, substantive issues of public policy. This text analyzes American public policies in a historical context that allows students to evaluate, analyze, and debate whether established policies are successful or if alternative policies could better serve the American public. The discussion kindled by AMERICAN PUBLIC POLICY educates students on the practical methods of public policy analysis while allowing them to apply their knowledge to real life policies.

The Handbook of International Crisis Communication Research articulates a broader understanding of crisis communication, discussing the theoretical, methodological, and practical implications of domestic and transnational crises, featuring the work of global scholars from a range of sub-disciplines and related fields. Provides the first integrative international perspective on crisis communication Articulates a broader understanding of crisis communication, which includes work from scholars in journalism, public relations, audience research, psychology, political science, sociology, economics, anthropology, and international communication Explores the topic from cross-national and cross-cultural crisis communication approaches Includes research and scholars from countries around the world and representing all regions Discusses a broad range of crisis types, such as war, terrorism, natural disasters, pandemics, and organizational crises

While textbooks often describe an idealized model of "how a bill becomes law" and journalists emphasize special interest lobbying and generous campaign contributions to Congress, these approaches fail to convey -- much less explain -- the tremendous diversity in political processes that shape specific policies in contemporary Washington. Pathways of Power provides a framework that integrates the roles of political interests and policy ideals in the contemporary policy process. This book argues that the policy process can be understood as a set of four distinctive pathways of policymaking -- pluralist, partisan, expert, and symbolic -- that draw upon different political resources, appeal to different political actors, and elicit unique strategies and styles of coalition building. The book's use of a wide universe of major policy decisions provides a useful foundation for students of the policy process as well as for policy practitioners eager to learn more about their craft.

In dit boeiende, langverwachte eerste deel van zijn presidentiële memoires vertelt Barack Obama het verhaal van zijn onwaarschijnlijke odyssee van een jongeman die op zoek is naar zijn identiteit tot de leider van de vrije wereld. Hij schrijft in buitengewoon persoonlijke bewoordingen over de jaren waarin hij politiek werd gevormd en over de bepalende momenten in de eerste termijn van zijn historische presidentschap - een roerige periode vol dramatische veranderingen. Obama neemt de lezer aan de hand op een fascinerende reis, die voert van zijn eerste

politieke aspiraties en de cruciale overwinning in de voorverkiezingen van Iowa - waarin de kracht van grassroots-activisme aan het licht kwam - tot de revolutionaire avond van 4 november 2008, toen hij werd gekozen tot 44ste president van de Verenigde Staten en daarmee de eerste Afro-Amerikaan werd die het hoogste ambt in het land zou bekleden. In zijn bespiegelingen over het presidentschap toont hij op een bijzondere en scherpzinnige wijze welke mogelijkheden en beperkingen presidentiële macht met zich meebrengt, en daarnaast biedt hij ons een uniek inzicht in de dynamiek van de Amerikaanse partijpolitiek en de internationale diplomatie. Obama neemt de lezer mee tot in het Oval Office en de Situation Room van het Witte Huis, maar ook naar steden als Moskou, Caïro en Peking. We zijn getuige van zijn overwegingen bij het samenstellen van zijn kabinet, hoe hij worstelt met een mondiale financiële crisis, Vladimir Poetin inschat, schijnbaar onoverbrugbare conflicten beteugelt om zijn wet op de gezondheidszorg te verwezenlijken, botst met zijn generaals over de te volgen strategie in Afghanistan, hervormingen op Wall Street doorvoert, doortastend optreedt na de ramp met de Deepwater Horizon en opdracht geeft tot Operatie Neptune's Spear, die leidt tot de dood van Osama bin Laden. Een beloofd land is een bijzonder intiem en persoonlijk boek - het verhaal over een man die historische beslissingen neemt, over het rotsvaste geloof van de opbouwwerker die op de proef wordt gesteld op het wereldpodium. Obama is openhartig over de moeilijkheden die hij ondervond toen hij als zwarte Amerikaan president wilde worden, waarbij hij de verwachtingen verpersoonlijkte van een generatie die werd geïnspireerd door de boodschap van hoop en verandering en de morele problemen trotseerde die besluitvorming op het hoogste niveau met zich meebrengt. Obama is openhartig over de krachten die hem in eigen land en elders tegenwerkten, eerlijk over de invloed die het verblijf in het Witte Huis had op zijn vrouw en kinderen. Daarnaast is hij niet terughoudend in het delen van zijn onzekerheden en teleurstellingen. Toch wijkt hij nooit af van zijn overtuiging dat binnen het geweldige, zich voortdurend ontwikkelende Amerikaanse experiment vooruitgang altijd mogelijk is. Dit fraai geschreven en krachtige boek getuigt van Barack Obama's inzicht dat democratie geen geschenk van boven is, maar iets dat is gestoeld op inlevingsvermogen en wederzijds begrip, iets waaraan we samen voortbouwen, elke dag weer.

Comparative Perspectives on Environmental Policies and Issues presents tools and concepts about environmental policies in several developed and developing countries. It explores a broad survey of ecological modernization theory, ecological feminism theory, environmental justice theory, the concept of sustainability, and research on environmental policies. Data were collected through surveys, interviews, and focus groups, and are used to analyze social, economic, and environmental impact on people. The book specifically discusses how the earth's basic life-supporting capital (soils, forests, species, fresh water and oceans) is degraded or depleted to provide for human needs, and how air pollution and acid precipitation, are causing widespread injury to humans, forests, and crops. Realistically, over-taxing of natural resources and ecological systems throughout the world has promoted economic growth and created increasing opportunities for people while also advancing social injustice. The use of the environment to accomplish social and economic transformation raises fundamental issues for the study of environmental policy and the natural ecological system. As human beings exploit the natural environment to meet present needs, they often will destroy resources needed for the future generations. Thus, environmental policies are enacted to ensure that social and economic impacts of the environment are compatible with the limits of natural systems. Offering an intuitive and crystal-clear explanation of the key concepts and principles of environmental policies and sustainable development, this volume is suitable not only for environmental science students, but also for instructors, practitioners, researchers, and academics.

"Comparative Politics" provides a comprehensive introduction to political systems around the world. It covers methods and theories; the nation-state; institutions; actors and processes; policies; and recent changes.

Over the past three decades, the study of religion and politics has gone from being ignored by the scholarly community to being a major focus of research. Yet, because this important research is not easily accessible to nonspecialists, much of the analysis of religion's role in the political arena that we read in the media is greatly oversimplified. This Handbook seeks to bridge that gap by examining the considerable research that has been conducted to this point and assessing what has been learned, what remains unsettled due to conflicting research findings, and what important questions remain largely unaddressed by current research endeavors. The Handbook is unique to the field of religion and American politics and should be of wide interest to scholars, students, journalists, and others interested in the American political scene.

Success and failure are key to any consideration of public policy but there have been remarkably few attempts to assess systematically the various dimensions and complex nature of policy success. This important new text fills the gap by developing a systematic framework and offering an entirely new way of introducing students to policy analysis.

US Environmental Policy in Action provides a comprehensive look at the creation, implementation, and evaluation of environmental policy, which is of particular importance in our current era of congressional gridlock, increasing partisan rhetoric, and escalating debates about federal/state relations. Now in its second edition, this volume includes updated case studies, two new chapters on food policy and natural resource policy, and revised public opinion data. With a continued focus on the front lines of environmental policy, Rinfret and Pautz take into account the major changes in the practice of US environmental policy during the Trump administration. Providing real-life examples of how environmental policy works rather than solely discussing how congressional action produces environmental laws, US Environmental Policy in Action offers a practical approach to understanding contemporary American environmental policy.

Richardson et al.'s respected and seminal Policy Styles in Western Europe (1982) shed valuable light on how countries tend to establish long-term and distinctive ways to make policies that transcend short-term imperatives and issues. This follow-up volume updates those arguments and significantly expands the coverage, consisting of 16 carefully selected country-level case studies from around the world. Furthermore, it includes different types of political regimes and developmental levels to test more widely the robustness of the patterns and variables highlighted in the original book. The case studies – covering countries from the United States, Canada, Germany and the UK to Russia, Togo and Vietnam – follow a uniform structure, combining theoretical considerations and the presentation of empirical material to reveal how the distinct cultural and institutional features of modern states continue to have implications for the making and implementation of public policy decisions within them. The book is essential reading for students and scholars of public policy, public administration, comparative politics and development studies.

Understanding how public policy is made and managed is a key component in studying the disciplines of public management and administration. Such are the complexities associated with this

topic, a deeper understanding is vital to ensure that practising public managers excel in their roles. This textbook synthesizes the key theories, providing a contemporary understanding of public policy and how it relates to private and other sectors. It integrates this with the management and implementation of public policy, including outlines of organizations, practices and instruments used. Pedagogical features include chapter synopses, learning objectives, boxed international cases and vignettes and further reading suggestions. This useful, concise textbook will be required reading for public management students and all those interested in public policy.

"There is a plethora of policy books on the market, but none illustrate the steps in the policy process better than this one. The high caliber editors and contributors, all of whom have been involved in policy work, bring years of experience to illustrate the key points... This publication is timely as the shift in healthcare requires input from all health professionals, but especially nurses who are at the frontline of healthcare change and delivery. This outstanding resource will help motivate many more nurses to get involved in the policy process... Weighted Numerical Score: 93 - 4 Stars!"--Doody's Medical Reviews Written by those in the know—exceptional nurse leaders in practice, education, and politics—this is a practical, "how-to" book written to help advanced students and nurse leaders develop health policy skills to advocate for patients from the bedside to the larger political arena. Co-published with the American Nurses Association (ANA), the book examines the pivotal role of nurses' involvement in health policy and describes the requisite steps for facilitating policy change—from understanding the political system through activating a plan and beyond. It features the voices of a wide variety of nurse leaders who discuss policy work both locally and nationally through descriptive case histories. The book discusses those qualities and skill sets that are needed for advocacy at the bedside and other arenas where health policy is determined. It examines the political system and opportunities for nurse involvement, and clarifies the process of identifying issues that need a policy solution. Because citing research is an integral component of health policy solutions, the book describes how research can be used to strengthen policy initiatives. The book guides the reader step by step through the process of creating a work plan and describes the resources needed to accomplish policy change. Activating an action plan and strategies for working with the media are covered, along with the process of taking a leadership role, evaluating outcomes, using policy to eliminate health inequities, and maintaining and expanding momentum. Woven throughout the book are the major themes of ethics, leadership, safety, and the quest for quality of care. The text provides information and perspectives relevant to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) doctor of nursing practice (DNP) Essentials, and includes multimedia electronic links to resources (podcasts, online articles, social network resources, and key political websites) that promote policy research and leadership development. KEY FEATURES: Delineates the steps to becoming a policy advocate in organizational, educational, and political settings Written by noted nurse leaders who describe policy work locally and nationally Presents competencies for nursing policy work derived from the AACN DNP Essentials Focuses throughout on themes of ethics, leadership, quality, and safety Facilitates web use for policy research and development Ancillary materials from the editors are available

A concise, accessible introduction to the public policy process that can be read on many levels. The author's direct writing style and extensive use of examples will appeal to students as well as practitioners. The book offers an extensive overview of the best current thinking on the policy process, with an emphasis on accessibility and synthesis rather than novelty or abstraction. An extensive glossary of terms, keyed to the chapters in which each term is most thoroughly discussed; an annotated bibliography; and an introduction to web-based research, with a guide to the most important and reliable public policy research sites, are among the book's many useful features.

Making effective public policies is a difficult task, but considering policymaking as a problem of design analogous to architecture or engineering can assist in that process. This book outlines three vital components of policy design: understanding the

Als jouw zorgen over de opwarming van de aarde zich beperken tot angst voor de stijgende zeespiegel, dan zie je slechts het topje van de ijsberg. Het is veel, veel erger dan je denkt. Klimaatverandering wordt vaak beschouwd als een langzaam proces, maar de onheilspellende effecten ervan zien we nu al: hete zomers, grote droogte, allesverwoestende overstromingen en orkanen. Natuurrampen die zich vroeger maar één keer in een mensenleven voltrokken, overvallen de mensheid tegenwoordig jaarlijks. In De onbewoonbare aarde brengt David Wallace-Wells de laatste wetenschappelijke inzichten samen tot een schokkende aanklacht: we slagen er maar niet in om een betere toekomst voor ons te zien, laat staan dat we naar zo'n idee handelen. Wallace-Wells luidt de alarmklok en vertelt ons alles wat we niet willen maar wel moeten weten over klimaatverandering. Als we onze aanpak van dit probleem en onze manier van leven niet snel veranderen, zullen delen van de aarde door desastreuze ontwikkelingen in de nabije toekomst onbewoonbaar worden.

This all-encompassing encyclopedia provides a broad perspective on U.S. politics, culture, and society, but also goes beyond the facts to consider the myths, ideals, and values that help shape and define the nation. • Offers approximately 225 entries covering U.S. politics, culture, society, and beliefs • Includes an introductory overview of the forces that have shaped and continue to shape American political culture and a concluding essay that gathers key thematic threads and looks toward the future • Covers the myriad ways in which American political culture influences other aspects of American society • Examines how cultural symbols and beliefs are manipulated to advance political interests and establish government authority • Connects new issues such as social media and sexual politics with the political culture

An analysis of one of the greatest foreign policy disasters.

The role of formal and informal institutional forces in changing three areas of U.S. public policy: privacy rights, civil rights and climate policy There is no finality to the public policy process. Although it's often assumed that once a law is enacted it is implemented faithfully, even policies believed to be stable can change or drift in unexpected directions. The

Fourth Amendment, for example, guarantees Americans' privacy rights, but the 9/11 terrorist attacks set off one of the worst cases of government-sponsored espionage. Policy changes instituted by the National Security Agency led to widespread warrantless surveillance, a drift in public policy that led to lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of wiretapping the American people. Much of the research in recent decades ignores the impact of large-scale, slow-moving, secular forces in political, social, and economic environments on public policy. In *Policy Drift*, Norma Riccucci sheds light on how institutional forces collectively contributed to major change in three key areas of U.S. policy (privacy rights, civil rights, and climate policy) without any new policy explicitly being written. Formal levers of change—U.S. Supreme Court decisions; inaction by Congress; Presidential executive orders—stimulated by social, political or economic forces, organized permutations which ultimately shaped and defined contemporary public policy. Invariably, implementations of new policies are embedded within a political landscape. Political actors, motivated by social and economic factors, may explicitly employ strategies to shift the direction of existing public policies or derail them altogether. Some segments of the population will benefit from this process, while others will not; thus, “policy drifts” carry significant consequences for social and economic change. A comprehensive account of inadvertent changes to privacy rights, civil rights, and climate policy, *Policy Drift* demonstrates how unanticipated levers of change can modify the status quo in public policy.

Shrink-wrapped package for the introduction to American public policy course. Contents are: Peters's 'American Public Policy: Promise and Performance, 6th ed.' and the CQ Researcher's annual collection, 'Issues for Debate in American Public Policy, 7th ed.'

Despite the unprecedented growth of arbitration and other means of ADR in treaties and transnational contracts in recent years, there remains no clearly defined mechanism for control of the system. One of the oldest yet largely marginalized concepts in law is the public policy exception. This doctrine grants discretion to courts to set aside private legal arrangements, including arbitration, which might be considered harmful to the "public". The exceptional and vague nature of the doctrine, along with the strong push of actors in dispute resolution, has transformed it, in certain jurisdictions, to a toothless doctrine. At the international level, the notion of transnational public policy has been devised in order to capture norms that are "truly" transnational and amenable for application in cross-border litigations. Yet, despite the importance of this discussion—a safety valve and a control mechanism for today's international and domestic international dispute resolution—no major study has ventured to review and analyze it. This book provides a historical, theoretical and practical background on public policy in dispute resolution with a focus on cross-border and transnational disputes. Farshad Ghodoosi argues that courts should adopt a more systemic approach to public policy while rejecting notions such as transnational public policy, which limits the application of those norms with mandatory nature. Contrary to the current trend, the book invites the reader to re-conceptualize the role of public policy, and transnational dispute resolution, in order to have more sustainable, fair and efficient mechanisms for resolving disputes outside of national courts. The book sheds light on one of the most important yet often-neglected control mechanisms of today's international dispute resolution and will be of particular interest to students and academics in the fields of International Investment Law, International Trade Law, Business and Economics.

*Understanding Environmental Administration and Law* provides an engaging, introductory overview of environmental policy. Author Susan J. Buck explores the process through which policy is made, the political environment in which it is applied, and the statutory and case laws that are critical to working within the regulatory system. This revised and expanded third edition adds case studies that help bring the subject to life and includes new material on: the Bush Administration and its approach to administering environmental laws the continuing evolution of environmentalism and the changing role of environmental regulation in the United States the development and implementation of environmental agreements at the international level the impacts and implications of globalization *Understanding Environmental Administration and Law* provides a framework for understanding the law as a managerial tool.

The book examines a new concern in water quality policy, namely aquatic micropollutants. Micropollutants are chemicals detected in small concentrations in waterbodies today, originating from pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, or detergents, among others. Since the regulation of micropollutants is a fairly new issue, it has been largely neglected in social sciences. However, the search for appropriate solutions is of high political relevance at both the national and international levels, with many open questions arising that concern the most adequate governance structures and steering mechanisms. Solutions suitable for classical, macro-pollutants, such as nutrients, do not necessarily apply to micropollutants because of the diversity of compounds and sources, and for technical, financial, and societal reasons. The book addresses this knowledge gap by investigating the steering mechanisms at hand and their prospect for problem solving. In this regard, the research provides a systematic depiction and comparison of policy designs in place for the reduction of micropollutants in the Rhine basin. Moreover, the study yields insights into the governance structures in place, into actors' responsibilities and constellations, and policy processes regarding micropollutants. The study is furthermore embedded into broader theoretical questions of policy research. More precisely, this research is a contribution to policy analysis that aims to achieve more optimal policy results by providing for a better understanding of the nature of policy designs and the social mechanisms behind the choice of them. Despite the intrinsic aim of policy analysis at contributing to more optimal policy outcomes, there remains a lack of research regarding analytical tools that enable an ex-ante assessment of policy designs' problem-solving abilities. To explore such a research path, this book proposes a novel index of policy comprehensiveness for quantifying the prospective performance of policy designs in alleviating an underlying policy issue, e.g. reducing pollutants in waters.

Furthermore, the book uncovers the social mechanisms behind policymaking and turns to the question: In which social settings is it possible to achieve a comprehensive policy design? Compared to purely micro-level explanations, the advantage of the network approach is that it goes beyond the mere aggregation of policy actors' attributes by taking into consideration actors' interdependencies. In order to take the network approach seriously, the study systematically links the structure of a policy network with comprehensive policy designs. Network concepts, such as coalition structure, interconnectedness, and belief similarity, are employed from policy change research here in order to explore the link between structural network characteristics and comprehensive policy design. By studying how network structures affect policy design, the book critically examines the explanatory value of the network approach.

Part of the International Library of Policy Analysis series, this book provides the first detailed examination of the practice of policy analysis in Mexico. Whilst shaped by the legacy of the Mexican state's colonial history as well as by recent social, economic and political developments, the study of policy analysis within Mexico provides important comparative lessons for other countries. Contributors study the nature of policy analysis at different sectors and levels of government as well as by non-governmental actors, such as unions, business, NGOs and the media, promoting the use of evidence-based policy analysis, leading to better policy results. The book is a vital resource for academics and students of policy studies, public management, political science and comparative policy studies.

Voting and elections may often be cited as the most entertaining aspect of political theatre, however, it is the arena of public policy that has the most direct impact on the lives of the citizenry. And as we have seen played out in recent debates over healthcare reform, policy changes can be dramatic, sweeping, and often hotly contested. Known for providing a trusted and comprehensive overview of the policy process, B. Guy Peters returns with the ninth edition of *American Public Policy: Promise and Performance*. Beyond walking students through the governmental structures and policy-making procedures, Peters efficiently covers a wide swath of policy areas, and then concludes with a look at both cost-benefit analysis and ethical analysis. Framed in context of the aftermath of the financial crisis and Great Recession, the ninth edition considers how policy has been impacted by persistent unemployment and growing income inequality. In addition, Peters discusses the strain on education budgets, increased oversight of financial activities, fiscal policies meant to stimulate the economy, and the political challenge of balancing the budget in light of increased public spending.

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