Reading Tips and Study Questions: For Session Three

Agendas and the Policy Process

Required reading:


Recommended:


Tips and questions

This week, we want to learn how to think more systematically about the public policy process, including the shaping of agendas or “agenda setting” dynamics and outcomes.

1. The classic: What are the core concepts in *Kingdon*, what part of the policy process does he focus on (that is, what stage or stages), and what does he argue about when and why academic experts can influence that process? Think about policymaking in some context (place) and policy area you care about: Which of Kingdon’s ideas apply most effectively, and which least so, in that context?

2. According to *Wilensky*, what factors make Europe so different from the U.S. as an environment in which social research influences agenda-setting?

3. How does *Moore’s* concept of “stories” add to Kingdon’s model? Why is the capability of implementing organizations relevant, according to Moore?