



POLI 891
Agenda-Setting
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This class will focus on theoretical approaches to the study of agenda-setting in both American and comparative settings. We will begin in the 1950s and go to the current literature, covering a wide range of methodological approaches. We will pay special attention to punctuated equilibrium and the agendas project and the movement of the literature from a focus on power, to agenda-setting, to decision-making more generally. We will also explore literature on complexity because of its tight linkage to the concepts used in explaining rapid and unpredictable shifts in public attention.

Students may be at different stages of their graduate training and therefore write different types of term papers. These might be bibliographic essays in which for example you might compare the agendas literature to another prominent literature you know from other courses. Or they might focus on the development of a research design / article / dissertation / MA thesis idea. These may be qualitative or quantitative approaches, US-based or comparative. I particularly encourage papers that seek to identify a gap in the literature and make a proposal to fill it. For bibliographic essays I would particularly appreciate papers that find paradoxes or contradictions between the agendas literature on some topic and another approach to the same topic, and seek to explain the cause of them.

Assignments will include short discussion papers due from each student seven times throughout the semester, or about every two weeks. I will use peer pressure and informal suggestions to ensure that each week about half of you write one of these papers and are therefore prepared to lead the discussion on various topics each week. I will distribute discussion topics / paper assignments each week in class for the following week's discussion, and these will serve as an agenda for the seminar, and help guide your focus as you do the readings. The one-page (single spaced) papers are due by email attachment by noon on the day of class.

Discussion and active participation are fundamental. Note that it counts for 15 percent of the grade, and I will not necessarily assign participation grades only within a narrow B+ to A range. It is fine to come to class not having understood something, as long as you come with those questions and ask them. If it becomes clear that any students have come to class without having done the readings, I will ask them to leave. (On the other hand, if some crisis prevented you from doing one of the readings, and you let me know in advance, that is fine.)

It is impossible to do well in a graduate term paper by starting at the last minute, so I have a number of interim assignments (weeks 3, 7, and 10) designed to keep you on track throughout the semester. These also allow me to give you feedback along the way to push your project to a higher level. The grades associated with these interim assignments are not huge, but they do add up, so make sure to hand them in on time and to take them seriously. You will be pleasantly surprised what a good term paper you can do if you work on it regularly rather than all in a rush at the last second. (It may become a habit, who knows!)

Grades will be calculated according to this formula:

Participation	15
7 one-page assignments, equally weighted	35
3 Term paper draft assignments, equally weighted	15
Term paper	35

Books for purchase:

- Barabasi, Albert-Laszlo. 2005. *Linked*. New York: Penguin.
- Baumgartner, Frank R., and Bryan D. Jones. 2009. *Agendas and Instability in American Politics*, 2nd ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. (older editions ok)
- Jones, Bryan D. 2001. *Politics and the Architecture of Choice*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Jones, Bryan D., and Frank R. Baumgartner. 2005. *The Politics of Attention: How Government Prioritizes Problems*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Kingdon, John W. 1995. *Agendas, Alternatives, and Public Policies*. 2d ed. New York: HarperCollins. (older editions are fine as well)
- Pralle, Sarah. 2006. *Branching Out and Digging In: Environmental Advocacy and Agenda Setting*. Washington DC: Georgetown University Press.
- Riker, William H. 1986. *The Art of Political Manipulation*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

All the required readings should be on the class web site. If some are missing let me know and I will post them. Note that in most weeks I also provide supplemental readings; these are not required so please do not freak out. I've also listed some at the end of the syllabus; related topics that just don't fit into the syllabus but which may be of interest to many of you. All these supplemental readings are there for your information, further reading, or for a start on your term papers or other projects.

Disabilities: Please let me know in the first two weeks of class if you need any accommodation for a disability. No problem. But don't delay in letting me know.

Academic Honesty: Study together but make sure the work you hand in is your own.

Effort: Don't come to class unprepared to participate.

Intimidation Factor: I'm the author of a lot of the work discussed here. That can either be a cause not to critique and discuss, or an opportunity to engage with a person who is active in the field. I have thick skin and welcome criticism, discussion, and challenges. So feel free!

Computers and cell phones: Turn them off, period. Pay attention to the discussion. Bring paper copies of the readings, and a pad and pen to take notes.

Weekly assignments and calendar

Please do all the readings listed in the first section in each weekly list below and use the others as a guide to further reading or browse them if they are of interest.

Week 1, August 29. Introductions and discussion, no readings.

Sept. 5, no class, happy Labor Day!

Week 2. Sept. 12. Where things started: “Power” and “elitism”

1. Dahl, Robert A. 1957. The Concept of Power. *Behavioral Science* 2: 201–15.
2. Bachrach, Peter and Morton Baratz. 1962. The Two Faces of Power. *American Political Science Review* 56: 947–52.
3. Riker, William H. 1964. Some Ambiguities in the Notion of Power. *American Political Science Review* 58: 341–9.
4. Walker, Jack L., Jr. 1966. A Critique of the Elitist Theory of Democracy. *American Political Science Review* 60: 285–95, 391–92.
5. Dahl, Robert A. 1966. Further Reflections on “The Elitist Theory of Democracy.” *American Political Science Review* 60: 296–305.

Assignment: Scan JSTOR or just the APSR for the words “power” or “influence” in the 1950s and 1960s. Pick an article by a major figure in the field and explain the approach. Each student must identify a major article in addition to those listed above. Or, skim either Crenson, Gaventa books below and give a one-page overview of the point and the methodological approach.

Recommended readings:

1. Truman, David B. 1951. *The Governmental Process: Political Interests and Public Opinion*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf.
2. Dahl, Robert A. 1961. *Who Governs?* New Haven: Yale University Press.
3. Hunter, Floyd. 1953. *Community Power Structure*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press. [Also published in 1963 by Anchor Books, Garden City NY.]
4. Mills, C. Wright. 1956. *The Power Elite*. New York: Oxford University Press.
5. Polsby, Nelson W. 1963. *Community Power and Political Theory*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
6. Crenson, Matthew A. 1971. *The Unpolitics of Air Pollution*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press.
7. Gaventa, John. 1980. *Power and Powerlessness: Quiescence and Rebellion in an Appalachian Valley*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.

Week 3, Sept. 19. From power to agenda-setting.

Due in class: One-page single spaced memo explaining your proposed term-paper project. It should explain the puzzle you want to explore and your approach. If you have some ideas about the relevant literature, please include. Give as much detail as you can at this point. If you are deciding between two possible topics, give me two memos; that is fine.

1. Schattschneider, E. E. 1975 [1960]. *The Semi-Sovereign People*. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich College Publishers, ch. 1-3.
2. Downs, Anthony. 1972. Up and Down with Ecology: The Issue Attention Cycle. *Public Interest* 28: 38–50.
3. Peters, B. Guy, and Brian W. Hogwood. 1985. In Search of the Issue-Attention Cycle. *Journal of Politics* 47: 239–53.
4. Cobb, Roger W., Jeannie Keith-Ross, and Marc Howard Ross. 1976. Agenda Building as a Comparative Political Process. *American Political Science Review* 70: 126–38.
5. Walker, Jack L., Jr. 1977. Setting the Agenda in the U.S. Senate: A Theory of Problem Selection. *British Journal of Political Science* 7: 423–45.
6. Baumgartner, Frank R. 2001. Political Agendas. In Niel J. Smelser and Paul B. Baltes, eds. *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences: Political Science*. New York: Elsevier Science and Oxford: Pergamon, pp. 288–90.

Additional books to buy if you ever run across them:

1. Cobb, Roger W., and Charles D. Elder. 1983 [1972]. *Participation in American Politics: The Dynamics of Agenda-Building*. 2d ed. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press.

Week 4. Sept 26. Kingdon, ambiguity, and multiple streams models

1. Kingdon, John W. 1995. *Agendas, Alternatives, and Public Policies*. 2d. ed. New York: HarperCollins. (earlier 1984 edition also ok)
2. Cohen, Michael, James G. March, and Johan P. Olsen. 1972. A Garbage Can Theory of Organizational Choice. *Administrative Science Quarterly* 17: 1–25.

The background on where this came from:

3. Cyert, Richard M., and James G. March. 1992. *A Behavioral Theory of the Firm*. 2nd ed. New York: Blackwell.
4. March, James G., and Herbert A. Simon. 1993. *Organizations*. 2nd ed. New York: Blackwell.
5. Cohen, Michael D., and James G. March. 1986. *Leadership and Ambiguity: The American College President*. 2nd ed. Cambridge, MA: Harvard Business School Press.
6. Zahariadis, Nikolaos. 1999. Ambiguity, Time, and Multiple Streams. In *Theories of the Policy Process*, ed. Paul A. Sabatier. Boulder, Colo: Westview, pp. 73–96.

Week 5, Oct 3. Punctuated equilibrium

Note: I have to be out of town on Monday Oct 3 so we need to reschedule, hopefully for Wed or Thu evening this same week.

1. Baumgartner, Frank R., and Bryan D. Jones. 2009 [1993]. *Agendas and Instability in American Politics*. 2nd ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. (either edition is ok)
2. Eldredge, Niles, and Stephen J. Gould. 1985 [1972]. Punctuated Equilibria: An Alternative to Phyletic Gradualism. In Niles Eldredge, *Time Frames: The Evolution of Punctuated Equilibrium*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, Appendix, pp. 193–

223. [Originally published in Thomas J. M. Schopf, ed., *Models in Paleobiology*. San Francisco: Freeman, Cooper, pp. 82–115]

Review articles that you might find useful:

3. True, James L., Bryan D. Jones, and Frank R. Baumgartner. 2007. Punctuated Equilibrium Theory: Explaining Stability and Change in American Policymaking. In Paul Sabatier, ed., *Theories of the Policy Process* 2nd ed. Boulder: Westview Press, pp. 155–188
4. Robinson, Scott E. 2006. Punctuated Equilibrium Models in Organizational Decision Making. In *Handbook on Human Decision-Making*. Ed. Goktug Morcol. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press, pp. 133–149.

Week 6, Oct 10. Developing a model of choice

1. Jones, Bryan D. 2001. *Politics and the Architecture of Choice*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
2. Simon, Herbert A. 1985. Human Nature in Politics: The Dialogue of Psychology with Political Science. *American Political Science Review* 79: 293–304.

Further reading, background

3. Jones, Bryan D. 1994. A Change of Mind or a Change of Focus? A Theory of Choice Reversals in Politics. 1994. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* 4: 141–77.
4. Jones, Bryan D. 1994. *Reconceiving Decision-Making in Democratic Politics: Attention, Choice, and Public Policy*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
5. Jones, Bryan D. 2003. Bounded Rationality in Political Science: Lessons from Public Administration. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* 13: 395–410.
6. Simon, Herbert A. 1997. *Administrative Behavior* 4th ed. New York: Free Press.
7. Simon, Herbert A. 1983. *Reason in Human Affairs*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.
8. Simon, Herbert A. 1996. *The Sciences of the Artificial*. 3rd ed. Cambridge: MIT Press.

Week 7, Oct 17. Threshold models, increasing returns, positive feedback

Annotated bibliography due. This means you should have identified the key source material you are planning to use. You don't have to have read it all yet but you should have identified the likely suspects. A longer bibliography is better than a short one. No need for extensive annotations, but rather just a list of readings organized by the topics that you plan to cover.

1. Granovetter, Mark. 1978. Threshold Models of Collective Behavior. *American Journal of Sociology* 83: 1420–43.
2. David, Paul A. 1985. Clio and the Economics of QWERTY. *American Economic Review* 75: 332–37.
3. Arthur, W. Brian. 1989. Competing Technologies, Increasing Returns, and Lock-in by Historical Events. *Economic Journal* 99 (394): 116–131.

4. Bikhchandani, Sushil, David Hirshleifer, and Ivo Welch. 1992. A Theory of Fads, Fashion, Custom, and Cultural Change as Informational Cascades. *Journal of Political Economy* 100: 992–1026.
5. Lohmann, Susanne. 1994. The Dynamics of Informational Cascades: The Monday Demonstrations in Leipzig, East Germany, 1989–1991. *World Politics* 47: 42–101.
6. Pierson, Paul. 2000. Path Dependence, Increasing Returns, and the Study of Politics. *American Political Science Review* 94: 251–67.

Additional readings some of which are very fun, funny, or sad:

7. Kirman, Alan. 1993. Ants, Rationality, and Recruitment. *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 108 (1): 137–56.
8. Becker, Gary S. 1991. A Note on Restaurant Pricing and Other Examples of Social Influence on Price. *Journal of Political Economy* 99: 1109–16.
9. Granovetter, Mark S., and Roland Soong. 1988. Threshold Models of Diversity: Chinese Restaurants, Residential Segregation, and the Spiral of Silence. *Sociological Methodology* 18: 69–104.
10. Crenson, Matthew A. 1987. The Private Stake in Public Goods: Overcoming the Illogic of Collective Action. *Policy Sciences* 20: 259–76.
11. Kuran, Timur. 1991. The East European Revolution of 1989: Is it Surprising that We Were Surprised? *American Economic Review* 81, 2 (May): 121–125.
12. Arthur, W. Brian. 1994. *Increasing Returns and Path Dependence in the Economy*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Week 8, Oct 24. Power laws and complexity

1. Barabasi, Albert-Laszlo. 2005. *Linked*. New York: Penguin.
2. Merton, Robert K. 1968. The Matthew Effect in Science. *Science* 159: 56–63.

Applications: Read at least one of the following, focusing on the empirical findings:

3. Mandelbrot, Benoit B. 1967. The Variation of Some Other Speculative Prices. *Journal of Business* 40, 4 (October): 393–413.
4. Adler, Moshe. 1985. Stardom and Talent. *American Economic Review* 75, 1 (March): 208–212.
5. Chung, Kee H., and Raymond A. K. Cox. 1994. A Stochastic Model of Superstardom: An Application of the Yule Distribution. *Review of Economics and Statistics* 76, 4 (November): 771–775.
6. Gabaix, Xavier. 1999. Zipf's Law and the Growth of Cities. *American Economic Review* 89, 2 (May): 129–132.
7. Roberts, D. C., and D. L. Turcotte. 1998. Fractality and the Self-Organized Criticality of Wars. *Fractals* 6 (4): 351–357.
8. Farber, Daniel A. 2002. Earthquakes and Tremors in Statutory Interpretation: An Empirical Study of the Dynamics of Interpretation. *Issues in Legal Scholarship*. Berkeley, CA: Berkeley Electronic Press.

Assignment: Use the Netlogo web site to develop an intuitive understanding of a proportionate attraction system and to see the resulting distribution of observations, and in particular the

application that allows you to model Barabasi's preferential attachment model of web linkages. Do this model yourself one click at a time, then let it run automatically for a few thousand iterations and see what the results look like. Feel free to play with the other simulation tools there as well. (<http://ccl.northwestern.edu/netlogo/models/PreferentialAttachment>)

Basic background and more applications

1. Clauset, Aaron, Cosma Rohilla Shalizi, and M. E. J. Newman. 2009. Power-Law Distributions in Empirical Data. *SIAM Review* 51, 661-703.
2. Barabasi, Albert-Laszlo. 2005. The Origin of Bursts and Heavy Tails in Human Dynamics. *Nature* 435 (12 May): 207–211.
3. Bak, Per. 1996. *How Nature Works: The Science of Self-Organized Criticality*. New York: Copernicus.
4. Zipf, George Kingsley. 1949. *Human Behavior and the Principle of Least Effort*. Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley. (Note: If anyone ever finds this book for sale, and it's less than 50 bucks let me know.)
5. Simon, Herbert A. 1955. On a Class of Skew Distribution Functions. *Biometrika* 42 (3/4, December): 425–440.
6. Mandelbrot, Benoit B., and Richard L. Hudson. 2004. *The (Mis)Behavior of Markets*. New York: Basic Books.
7. Watts, Duncan J. 2003. *Six Degrees: The Science of a Connected Age*. New York: Norton.
8. Johnson, Steven. 2001. *Emergence*. New York: Scribner.
9. Bak, Per, and Maya Paczuski. 1995. Complexity, Contingency, and Criticality. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* 92, 15 (July 18): 6689–6696.
10. Christensen, Kim, Leon Danon, Tim Scanlon, and Per Bak. 2002. Unified Scaling Law for Earthquakes. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* 99, 3, Supplement 1 (February 19): 2509–2513.
11. Mitzenmacher, Michael. 2004. A Brief History of Generative Models for Power Law and Lognormal Distributions. *Internet Mathematics* 1 (2): 226–51.

Week 9, Oct 31. Attention, information, cognition, and the distributional approach

1. Jones, Bryan D., and Frank R. Baumgartner. 2005. *The Politics of Attention: How Government Prioritizes Problems*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Week 10, Nov 7. Heresthetics: Can people manipulate things?

Note: **Detailed outline of paper due.** This should include a full structure, planned cites, methods, etc. The text need not be written but the structure should be complete, in outline form. You'll be surprised how easy it is to complete the paper if you have a complete outline in the proper order.

1. Riker, William H. 1986. *The Art of Political Manipulation*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

- Riker, William H. 1984. The Heresthetics of Constitution-Making: The Presidency in 1787, with Comments on Determinism and Rational Choice. *American Political Science Review* 78 (1): 1–16.

More Riker stuff:

- Riker, William H. 1988. *Liberalism Against Populism*. Prospect Heights, Ill.: Waveland Press.
- Riker, William H. 1996. *The Strategy of Rhetoric*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Week 11, Nov 14. Venue-shopping: Can actors shop freely?

- Pralle, Sarah. 2006. *Branching Out and Digging In: Environmental Advocacy and Agenda Setting*. Washington DC: Georgetown University Press.
- Guiraudon, Virginie. 2000. European Integration and Migration Policy: Vertical Policy-Making as Venue Shopping. *Journal of Common Market Studies* 38 (2): 251–71.

Week 12, Nov 21. Comparative studies on friction and the general punctuation hypothesis

- Jones, Bryan D, Tracy Sulkin, and Heather Larsen. 2003. Policy Punctuations in American Political Institutions. *American Political Science Review* 97: 151–70.
- Baumgartner, Frank R., Christian Breunig, Christoffer Green-Pedersen, Bryan D. Jones, Peter B. Mortensen, Michiel Neytemans, and Stefaan Walgrave. 2009. Punctuated Equilibrium in Comparative Perspective. *American Journal of Political Science* 53, 3 (July): 602–19.
- Jones, Bryan D., Frank R. Baumgartner, Christian Breunig, Christopher Wlezien, Stuart Soroka, Martial Foucault, Abel François, Christoffer Green-Pedersen, Peter John, Chris Koski, Peter B. Mortensen, Frédéric Varone, and Stefaan Walgrave. 2009. A General Empirical Law for Public Budgets: A Comparative Analysis. *American Journal of Political Science* 53, 4 (October): 855–73.
- John, Peter, and Will Jennings. 2010. Punctuations and Turning Points in British Politics: the Policy Agenda of the Queen’s Speech, 1940-2005. *British Journal of Political Science* 40: 561-586.
- Jensen, Carsten. 2009. Policy Punctuations in Mature Welfare States. *Journal of Public Policy* 29 (3): 287-303.

Week 13, Nov 28. Reading week, no class

Week 14, Dec 5. Comparative Studies on party effects and elections v. attention

Term papers due

- Baumgartner, Frank R., Bryan D. Jones, and John Wilkerson. 2011. Comparative Studies of Policy Dynamics. *Comparative Political Studies* 44 (8): 947–972.
- Sigelman, Lee, and Emmett H. Buell, Jr. 2004. Avoidance or engagement? Issue Convergence in US Presidential Campaigns, 1960–2000. *American Journal of Political Science* 48(4): 650– 61.

3. Baumgartner, Frank R., Emiliano Grossman, and Sylvain Brouard. 2009. Agenda-setting Dynamics in France: Revisiting the “Partisan Hypothesis.” *French Politics*, 7, 2: 57–95.
4. Baumgartner, Frank R., Martial Foucault, and Abel François. 2009. Public Budgeting in the French Fifth Republic: The End of *La République des partis*? *West European Politics* 32, 2: 401–19.
5. Green-Pedersen, C., and P. B. Mortensen. 2010. Who Sets the Agenda and Who Responds to it in the Danish Parliament? A New Model of Issue Competition and Agenda-Setting. *European Journal of Political Research* 49, 2 (March): 257–281.

Literatures we are not going to have time to cover but which may be of use to you for your papers:

Social Protest Studies (small selection of many):

1. McAdam, Doug, and Yang Su. 2002. The War at Home: Antiwar Protests and Congressional Voting, 1965 to 1973. *American Sociological Review* 67, 5 (October): 696–721.
2. King, BG, Bentele, KG and Soule, SA. 2007. Protest and Policy Making: Explaining Fluctuation in Congressional Attention to Rights Issues: 1960-1986. *Social Forces* 86:137-163.
3. Burstein, Paul, and April Linton. 2002. The Impact of Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Social Movement Organizations on Public Policy: Some Recent Evidence and Theoretical Concerns. *Social Forces* 82, 2 (December): 381–408.

Communications studies (small selection of classics):

1. McCombs, Maxwell, and Donald Shaw. 1972. The Agenda-Setting Function of Mass Media. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 36: 176–87.
2. Hilgartner, Steven, and Charles Bosk. 1988. The Rise and Fall of Social Problems: A Public Arenas Model. *American Journal of Sociology* 94: 53–78.
3. Neuman, W. Russell. 1990. The Threshold of Public Attention. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 54: 179–76.
4. Zhu, Jian-Hua. 1992. Issue Competition and Attention Distraction: A Zero-Sum Theory of Agenda-Setting. *Journalism Quarterly* 69: 825–36.
5. McCombs, Maxwell, and Jian-Hua Zhu. 1995. Capacity, Diversity, and Volatility of the Public Agenda: Trends from 1954 to 1994. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 59: 495–525.

Public Policy and “Who Leads Whom?” Studies (just a few from many):

1. Edwards, George C. III, and B. Dan Wood. 1999. Who Influences Whom? The President, Congress, and the Media. *American Political Science Review* 93: 327–44.
2. Flemming, Roy B., B. Dan Wood, and John Bohte. 1999. Attention to Issues in A System of Separated Powers: The Macrodynamics of American Policy Agendas. *Journal of Politics* 61 (1): 76–108.
3. Flemming, Roy B., John Bohte, and B. Dan Wood. 1997. One Voice Among Many: The Supreme Court’s Influence on Attentiveness to Issues in the United States, 1947–92. *American Journal of Political Science* 41 (4): 1224–50.
4. Canes-Wrone, Brandice. 2005. *Who Leads Whom? Presidents, Policy, and the Public*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Single-Issue Studies of Interest: US-based policy histories

1. Armstrong, Elizabeth M. 2003. *Conceiving Risk, Bearing Responsibility: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and the Diagnosis of Moral Disorder*. Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press.

2. Birkland, Thomas A. 1997. *After Disaster: Agenda Setting, Public Policy, and Focusing Events*. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press.
3. Bosso, Christopher J. 1987. *Pesticides and Politics: The Life Cycle of a Public Issue*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press.
4. Duffy, Robert J. 1997. *Nuclear Politics in America: A History and Theory of Government Regulation*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas.
5. Glick, Henry R. 1992. *The Right to Die*. New York: Columbia University Press.
6. Hacker, Jacob. 1997. *The Road To Nowhere*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
7. Jacob, Herbert. 1988. *Silent Revolution: The Transformation of Divorce Law in the United States*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.
8. Nelson, Barbara. 1984. *Making an Issue of Child Abuse*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
9. Weart, Spencer R. 1989. *Nuclear Fear: A History of Images*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
10. Worsham, Jeffrey. 1997. *Other People's Money: Policy Change, Congress, and Bank Regulation*. Boulder, Colo.: Westview.

Comparative / IR studies of the impact of ideas on policy communities

1. Bleich, Erik. 1998. From International Ideas to Domestic Policies: Educational Multiculturalism in England and France. *Comparative Politics* 30: 81–100.
2. Blyth, Mark M. 2002. *Great Transformations: Economic Ideas and Political Change in the Twentieth Century*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
3. Haas, Peter M. 1992. Introduction: Epistemic Communities and International Policy Coordination. *International Organization* 46: 1–35.
4. Hall, Peter A. 1986. *Governing the Economy: The Politics of State Intervention in Britain and France*. New York: Oxford University Press.
5. Hall, Peter A. 1993. Policy Paradigms, Social Learning, and the State: The Case of Economic Policymaking in Britain. *Comparative Politics* 25: 275–96.
6. Hall, Peter A., ed. 1989. *The Political Power of Economic Ideas: Keynesianism across Nations*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
7. Reich, Michael R. 1991. *Toxic Politics: Responding to Chemical Disasters*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
8. Sikkink, Kathryn A. and Margaret E. Keck 1999. *Activists Beyond Borders*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
9. Sikkink, Kathryn A. and Carrie Booth Walling. 2007. The Justice Cascade and the Impact of Human Rights Trials in Latin America. *Journal of Peace Research* 44, 4 (July): 427–45.
10. Zahariadis, Nikolaos. 1993. *Markets, States, and Public Policy: Privatization in Britain and France*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Also see www.comparativeagendas.org for cites and publications from the comparative agendas project.