

Poli 891
Spring 2010
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Questions for Week 13 April 19

Note: We are changing the syllabus slightly to accommodate the visit of Christoffer Green Pedersen to class on April 19. These readings were originally scheduled for April 12, but we will flip the readings for those two weeks.

Readings:

1. Soroka, Stuart. 2002. *Agenda-Setting Dynamics in Canada*. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press.
2. Green-Pedersen, Christoffer and Peter B. Mortensen. 2009. 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* forthcoming.
3. Green-Pedersen, Christoffer and Michelle Wolfe. 2010. The Institutionalization of Attention in the US and Denmark: Multiple vs. Single Venue Systems and the Case of the Environment. *Governance* forthcoming.

Questions:

1. Soroka developed an entire agenda study for a dissertation. Discuss how he did that!
2. Identify Soroka's key finding about how issues rise to the agenda and the role of the media in this process.
3. Green Pedersen developed not a dissertation, but a large scale replication of the agendas project for Denmark. Come to class with questions about the scope of this work and the challenges of: a) finding indicators that are equivalent to those used in the US project; and b) defining the issues.
4. Evaluate the contribution and innovation in the *EJPR* paper.
5. Evaluate the contribution of the *Governance* paper.