

Project Title: Global Public Policy
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Research Overview

In the last decade, there has been increasing use of the term 'global public policy'. Books have emerged under this title or in the sub-field of 'global social policy'. Courses in university degrees have been initiated with this label. Nevertheless, the term remains under-specified. Other terms and concepts are better established in the lexicon. One is 'global governance'. An alternative phrase is 'governing without government'. At other times, global public policy is equated with the financing and delivery of global public goods. Yet another synonym is the idea of 'global public-private partnerships' or the 'global programs' sponsored by international organisations. Economic globalization and regional integration are proceeding at a much faster pace than official processes of global government. One outcome of this disjuncture is that the power of nation-states has been reduced or reconfigured without a corresponding development of international institutional co-operation. Yet, transnational policy communities are evolving and establishing policy practices and governance structures that transcend the state. At least three trends are apparent:

1. the *internationalisation of public sector officials* who are based in the government departments and agencies of nation-states;
2. the growing number and diversity of *international civil servants* employed by regional and global governance organisations;
3. the emergence of *transnational policy professionals*, a community of consultants, foundation officers, business leaders, scientific experts, think tank professionals and civil society organisers.

In short, governance can be informal and emerge from strategic interactions and partnerships of national and international bureaucracies with non-state actors in the marketplace and civil society. As such, whilst qualitatively different to those within sovereign states, policy processes are emerging at transnational levels.

These developments directly connect with GARNET themes on the global regulatory process for the actors in transnational policy communities are very often the executors and monitors of regulation at global and regional levels. The contribution of the project falls within the jointly executed research activities under the theme of **The Regulatory Frameworks of Global Governance** and in **Key Policy Issues in Global Governance**.

Two types of global policy processes that are distinctively globalised will be the focus of the study: First, policy transfer (which often entails the transfer of best practices in regulation). Second, transnational policy networks (which sometimes become regulatory mechanisms). At CEU most field work and research will be devoted to the Open Society Institute (Soros Foundations Network): www.osi.hu, a networked organisation involved in various forms of policy transfer:

Research outcomes

During the mobility period, a paper with the provisional title: "Global Public Policy" will be completed and submitted to a journal. Research for another paper entitled: "The Open Society Institute: Transnational Philanthropy, Policy Advocacy and Global Civil Society" will be started and hopefully completed by June, then to be submitted to a journal. Research will feed into a doctoral workshop in late July 2007. The workshop will be at CEU and organised and funded through their Summer University (SUN) program. The title of this one-week workshop is "Global Processes and Non Governmental Public Action". Finally, Diane Stone will also participate in the GARNET JERP 5.3.4 Workshop "Gender Knowledge and Knowledge Networks in IPE" hosted by CPS.