The Context of Public Policy

Role(s) of Government
- Well?
- Security
- Membership
- Prosperity
- Needs

Tragedy of the Commons
- What is it?
- Policy examples?
- What can we do about it?
- Mutual coercion mutually agreed upon

Types of Public Policy
- What is public policy?
- Regulatory
  - Self-Regulatory
- Distributive/Redistributive

Policy Costs and Benefits
- Costs
- Benefits
  - Perceptions
  - Legitimacy
- Opportunity costs
- Distribution
- Externalities

Policy Contexts
- Institutional
- Political
- Economic
- Demographic
- Ideological
Typology of public policy

- Majoritarian politics
- Interest group politics
- Client politics
- Entrepreneurial politics

Stages of Policy Development

- Problem Definition
- Agenda Setting
- Policy Formulation
- Policy Adoption
- Policy Implementation
- Policy Evaluation
  - Empirical and Normative

Policy Assessment

- Costs and Benefits
- Effectiveness
- Efficiency
- Equity
- Political feasibility
- Social acceptability
- Technical feasibility
- Motivated reasoning and policy assessment
  (how to assess policy like a pro)