

Scuola Superiore di Catania

Corso Specialistico

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Actors and processes of global policies

The proposed SSC Course on Actors and Processes of Global Policies consists of 3 modules and will be run by three Italian professors based in Italy and UK. The course is planned in English, but could be delivered in Italian.

The first module will offer an in-depth examination of the governance problems of the international financial and monetary system. SSC students will get acquainted with the main players that populate the global economic governance system, and the political dynamics that drive their actions and interactions. Particular attention will be devoted to the historical evolution of the international financial architecture to the political-economic determinants of its changes over time, and to its impact on domestic politics and policies.

The second module will provide SSC students with a range of conceptual approaches that explore themes including: the role of stories in policy-making; the sources of radical policy change; the impact of policies on people and their self-identity. These themes will be explored by using case studies from contemporary policy-making including: foreign aid funding, LGBT policy change, women in healthcare and capital punishment. The module will provide the opportunity to think critically about the everyday issues faced by policymakers globally.

SSC students are encouraged to think like policy-makers.

The third module will critically analyse the role of the EU as a norm promoter through trade and as a partner of developing countries. It will investigate the drivers of European trade policy from a political economy perspective. Moreover, it will comment on the implications of EU trade policy for international norm diffusion and for development cooperation.

Indicative readings

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Woolcock, S. (2014). Differentiation within reciprocity: the European Union approach to preferential trade agreements. *Contemporary Politics*, 20(1), 36-48.

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