

**The Interpretive Practitioner
From Critique to Practice in Public Policy Analysis**

8-10 June 2006

Venue: Priorsfield, The University of Birmingham

Conference Programme

Thursday 8th June 2006

- 9:30 Registration and Coffee (G11)
- 10:00 **Steven Griggs, Navdeep Mathur and Chris Skelcher** - Welcome to the Institute of Local Government Studies (Inlogov), School of Public Policy, University of Birmingham. (The Squash Court)
- 10:15 **Keynote Roundtable Discussion**
Frank Fischer (Rutgers University, USA) - Participatory Policy Analysis
Patsy Healey (University of Newcastle, UK) - Institutional and Relational Approaches to Collaborative Planning
Dvora Yanow (Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands). Interpretive Methods and Meaning making in Organizational and Policy Analysis

(The Squash Court)

Chair – Chris Skelcher, School of Public Policy, University of Birmingham.
- 11:15 Tea and Coffee (G11)
- 11:30 Panels – Session 1 (The Squash Court)
- Panel 1***
H.K. Colebatch (University of Brunei Darussalam) Interpretation and the Structuring of Practice in Medical Care.
D. Gasper (Institute of Social Studies, The Hague) From ‘Hume’s Law’ To Problem- And Policy-Analysis For Human Development
P. Zittoun (Institute of Political Studies, Grenoble) Urban governance and the uses of sustainable indicators, a discursive construct from problem to policy.

Chair – Steven Griggs, School of Public Policy, University of Birmingham

- 13.00 Lunch (University Cafeteria)
- 14.15 Panels – Session 2
- Panel 2A** (The Squash Court)
A. Hanberger. (Umea University) Democratic accountability in decentralized governance
F. Gabbi. (IUAV-Venezia) The contribution of Max Weber’s essay “The City” to the practice of policy analysis.
- Panel 2B** (Room 106)
T. Metze (University of Amsterdam) Keep out of the Dairy Gateway: Boundary work deliberative problem solving in a rural area in the United States of America.
M. Rodriguez (Richard Stockton College of New Jersey) Policy Images and Policy Responses: A Case Study of the Faith-Based Initiative.
S. Weiland (University of Hamburg) Ecological Modernisation or Risk Society? The Politics of Environmental Ideas.
- 15:45 Tea and Coffee (G11)
- 16:00 Panels – Session 3
- Panel 3A** (The Squash Court)
F. Selicato and G. Maggio. The Role of Collaborative Planning Practices in Building Up New Institutional Powers and in Community Development.
C. Hendriks (University of Amsterdam) Collaborative but not inclusive: the democratic disconnect of Dutch transitions to sustainability
M. Vani (IUAV Venezia) The Residential Advisory Board in Ferrara.
- Panel 3B** (Room 106)
M. Van Hulst (Erasmus University Rotterdam) Local Crisis in Practice.
K. Paul (University of Amsterdam) Food Safety Policymaking in Crisis: Reconstructing Roles and Rules
C. Durose (Manchester) ‘Street-Level Bureaucrats’ and ‘Civic Entrepreneurs’: Interpreting Policy from the Bottom-Up’.
- 17:30 Close of first day

Friday 9th June 2006

09.30 Discussion Session: Interpretive Methods and Policy Analysis
(Chair – **Navdeep Mathur**) (The Squash Court)

C. Hendriks. Some reflections on 'doing' interpretive policy analysis.

Respondents – **Frank Fischer** and **Dvora Yanow**

10.30 Tea and Coffee

11.00 Workshop on 'Issues in Interpretive Policy Research'

Workshop 1 (Patsy Healey and Frank Fischer) (The Squash Court)

P. Daneluzzo (IUAV - Italy) Democratic Participation and Learning. Urban Planning And Local Policies.

S. Van Bommel (Wageningen University) Experts and expertise in governance arrangements: The case of nature conservation in the Netherlands.

T. Metze (University of Amsterdam) Boundary work in deliberative spatial development in the U.S.A and the Netherlands.

M. Van Hulst (Erasmus University Rotterdam) Governing Culture: Exploring An Interpretive Approach to Studying Municipalities.

Workshop 2 (Dvora Yanow and Hal Colebatch) (Room 106)

M. Bruquetas Callejo (University of Amsterdam) Incorporation of Newcomer Migrant Students to Compulsory Education in Rotterdam and Barcelona. Gap Between Policy Models and Practices?

X. Kurowska (European University Institute, Florence) Frustrated expert? A story of a rule of law mission experts.

C. Durose (University of Manchester) From 'Street-Level Bureaucrats' to 'Civic Entrepreneurs': Developing Bottom-Up Analyses.

13.00 Lunch

14:15 Panels – Session 4

Panel 4A (The Squash Court)

A. Görsdorf (University of Bielefeld) Experimenting with Expertise and Society Dynamics of Agency and Subjectivity in Biomedical Policy Deliberation

P. Dorfman (University of West of England) C. Beattie (UWE), F. Burnet (UWE), D. Gibbs (University of Hull), J. Longhurst (UWE), E. Weitkamp (UWE) and N. Leksmono (UWE) Science Communication and Deliberative Democracy: Local Air Quality Management Consultation in the UK.

H. Ojha (University of East Anglia – Norwich) Deliberative Scientist – Rethinking Scientific Practice in Environmental Management

- Session 4B** (Room 106)
Dorothy Olshfski (Rutgers University at Newark) and R. Cunningham (University of Tennessee). Agendas and Decisions: How Middle Managers and Executives make public policy.
M. Bruquetas Callejo (University of Amsterdam) Implementation gap and practices of street-level bureaucrats: the case of reception of migrant students in Rotterdam.
- 15:45 Tea and Coffee
- 16:00 Panels – Session 5
- Panel 5A** (The Squash Court)
J. Justice (University of Delaware) Social Construction of rational self interest: the role of business improvement districts
H. Munro, M. Roberts and C. Skelcher (University of Birmingham) Partnership Governance in a Democratic Vacuum? Why Questions of Effectiveness Go Beyond Service Outcomes.
E. Sarig (Open University of Israel) Urban Coalitions - Business and Local Government.
- Panel 5B** (Room 106)
P.H. Feindt (University of Hamburg) Long-term paradigm shift and ‘rapid’ policy re-interpretation. Interpretive challenges to technocratic policies.
E. Turnhout and M. van der Zouwen (Wageningen University) - Governance practices in Dutch nature policy: A case study analysis of the development of the policy plan ‘Nature for People, People for Nature’.
- 17:30 Close of the second day

Saturday 10th June 2006

- 09.30 Panels – Session 6
- Panel 6A** (The Squash Court)
K. Geuijen (Utrecht University) Of bureaucrat-diplomats and street-level entrepreneurs: Differentiated civil service practices in European policy networks
J. Barraket (University of Melbourne) The Trouble with Community: Discursive Effects of Place-Based Policy Intervention.
S. Jeffares (University of Birmingham) Where are they now? Demands reunited: policy discourse, empty signifiers and residual demands.

Panel 6B (Room 106)

X. Kurowska (European University Institute, Florence) Frustrated expert? A story of a rule of law mission experts.

D. Itoje (University of Benin, Nigeria) Facts And Value Distinction In Decision Making

N. Kolybashkina (Oxford University).Community development by the outside actors: interpreting implementation of UNDP Crimea Integration and Development Programme in Ukraine

11.00 Tea and Coffee

11:30 Keynote Address: **Maarten Hajer (University of Amsterdam)**. 'From Deliberation to Conflict and Back Again: rethinking urban governance'.

(The Squash Court)

Chair: Patsy Healey (University of Newcastle).

12.45 Next Year's Conference

13.0 Close of conference