

COURSE TITLE:

APPLIED PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS: LEGAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIOLOGICAL ASPECTS

A short description of the course

The course "Applied Public Policy Analysis: Legal, Economic and Sociological Aspects" is aimed at mastering the basic concepts necessary for understanding the process of creating and analysing public policies and regulations. It represents an introduction to the sociological, legal and economic analysis of public policy. During the programme, attendees will be introduced to some basic concepts and analyses of selected social processes that are relevant to certain public policy. Among them are globalization and the creation of global policy networks aimed at public policy creation; transformation of social institutions at the example of marriage, family and work; understanding of state institutions, their inefficiency, crisis and "content depletion"; the role of society stakeholders and institutions in creating policy and regulations (institutional analysis and analysis of stakeholders and networks); the role of culture in the creation and implementation of public policy at the example of informal practices and institutions and malignant social problems and their solution (the examples of depopulation, market regulation, etc.). The programme envisages independent work of participants (either individually or in groups) on a case study and presentation of results. The case study will be a public policy issue that will be analysed from a sociological, legal and economic perspective.



What are the educational goals of the programme?

- Introduction to basic sociological, legal and economic concepts, social context analyses (at the global and national level) and key social changes that affect policy-making processes.
- Implementing sociological knowledge to create and analyse public policy through case studies and exercises that address real-life problems faced by makers and analysts of public policy and regulations.

What knowledge will the participants acquire?

- Introduction to basic sociological, legal and economic concepts and knowledge needed for public policy making and analysis: globalization and related social changes, social networks and networks aimed at policy making, social and state institutions, informal practices, complex and malignant social problems, etc.

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Course content

- Public policy and processes in a complex, networked and globalized society
- Changes in social institutions and impact on public policy and regulations (examples: marriage, family, work, etc.)
- State institutions: crisis and content depletion
- Stakeholders in the policy-making process: interests, values and strategies
- Culture and public policy: how the informal cultural practices influence public policy making
- Solving complex (wicked) problems

