Syracuse University
Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs
Center for Policy Design & Governance

ABOUT

The Center for Policy Design and Governance integrates policy, political and computational sciences in research and instruction to help scientists, practitioners and public service leaders understand and address governance challenges.

The center is home to the Policy Design Studio and supports multiple international research initiatives.

- The **Policy Design Studio** provides evidence-based training and analysis on policy design, the engagement of government and non-governmental stakeholders in policy formulation, and policy implementation.
- The **Computational Institutional Science Lab** is an international hub for developing and applying computational methods to study how societies are governed.
- The **Institutional Grammar Research Initiative** convenes scholars from around the world who study and practice institutional analysis.
- The center is also the institutional host to the **Policy Studies Journal**, the leading policy process field journal and the #4 journal in the field of public administration.

POLICY DESIGN STUDIO

The Policy Design Studio provides training and analysis on the engagement of government and non-governmental stakeholders in policy formulation, the design of public policy content, and policy implementation.

Through trainings, the Policy Design Studio equips governments, non-governmental organizations, and public service leaders with skills for stakeholder engagement in the policy process, policy design, and policy implementation. Through analysis, the Policy Design Studio helps governments and non-governmental organizations evaluate their stakeholder engagement initiatives and whether policies are effectively designed and carried out.

COMPUTATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL SCIENCE LAB (CISL)

The CISL engages scientists and hosts activities focused on the use of computational approaches toward better understanding the institutions (e.g., rules) that govern social systems.

INSTITUTIONAL GRAMMAR RESEARCH INITIATIVE (IGRI)

The IGRI is a network of scholars from around the world with a common interest in the theoretical and methodological advancement of the Institutional Grammar (IG) and the dissemination of knowledge related to research utilizing the IG in an accessible manner.

IGRI activities and initiatives include:

- Monthly research seminars
- Annual Institutional Analysis training
- Annual Ph.D. student workshop
- Research briefs

THE PROCESS OF POLICY SEMINAR SERIES

The Process of Policy is a series that explores the deliberation, formulation design, and adoption of policies related to some of today's most pressing issues.
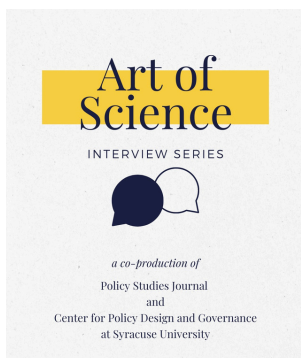
Panels feature topical scholars as well as practitioners from government, nonprofits, and other sectors who have firsthand experience in the policy design process. In addition to shedding light on the complexities behind policymaking, this series also aims to bridge the gap between research and practice.

Panel topics have included:

- The environment
- Election administration
- AI
- Criminal justice

POLICY STUDIES JOURNAL

The *Policy Studies Journal* is the leading policy process field journal and ranks #4 among all public administration journals. The journal addresses a wide range of public policy issues at all levels of government.

Art of Science
INTERVIEW SERIES

a co-production of
Policy Studies Journal
and
Center for Policy Design and Governance
at Syracuse University

Art of Science (AoS) explores the art of the research process leading to scientific publication by interviewing scholars with recent publications in the *Policy Studies Journal*. AoS is a co-production of the *Policy Studies Journal* and the Center for Policy Design and Governance.

Scan the QR code to sign up for the Center for Policy Design and Governance listserv and stay up-to-date with all Center news and activites!

2024 CONFERENCE ON POLICY PROCESS RESEARCH

The Center for Policy Design and Governance hosted the 2024 Conference on Policy Process Research (COPPR24) May 15-17 on the Syracuse University campus.

COPPR24 featured 71 panels and 8 roundtables that focused on advancing the scholarship of policy process theory and methods. The conference had 373 registered participants (250 in-person and 123 virtual) representing over 180 institutions and 30 countries.

RESEARCH TO PRACTICE BRIEF SERIES

The Research to Practice Brief Series provides short summaries of scholarly publications produced by Center-affiliated scholars and practitioners. They are designed to highlight a publication's most essential takeaways, including the research topic and main findings, and to encourage readers to consult the original work for more information. All briefs are available on SURFACE.

SALON

The Salon is a seminar held weekly during the academic year where faculty and students present on their research as well as discuss policy design and governance scholarship. Please inquire with Davor Mondom (dmondom@syr.edu) for more details, including meeting times and location.

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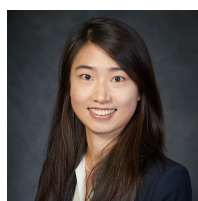
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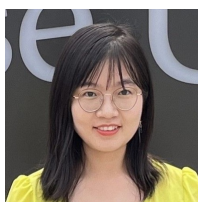*Graduate Research Associate*

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