

THE CONCEPT OF POLICY AND THE PROCESS OF GOVERNING

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'Policy' is a term that we use a lot in explaining the process of governing, but (perhaps because it's so familiar) we're less likely to ask just what it means. It seems to be taken for granted that it's about 'the government' acting to address problems, but our experience of policy seems to be a rather different story. In this public lecture, we will explore the ways in which we use 'policy' to make sense of the process of governing, both as observers and as participants.

When and where

May 12, 17.00 – 18.30
Jinonice, room J1037
U kříže 5, Prague

Moderator

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Confirmation of attendance

We look forward to seeing you here! It would be greatly appreciated if you could **confirm your attendance by May 1, 2014**. You can contact us at nekola@fsv.cuni.cz.

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Hal Colebatch from the University of New South Wales is internationally renowned for his best-selling introductory textbook "Policy" (also in Czech language as "Úvod do Policy", 2005). He is a political scientist whose field of interest is the architecture of public authority – that is, the forms and practices through which areas of collective concern are governed. He draws on analytical approaches from political science, public administration and organizational analysis, and his current research focuses on the interplay of official decision, stakeholder negotiation and social learning in the construction of governing.

Selected policy work publications:

Colebatch, H. K. (2006). *The Work of Policy: An International Survey*. Oxford: Lexington Books.

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