



## Agenda setting and Issue Definition

### Descriptif

Understanding why people, media and decision-makers pay attention to one issue and not another.

Any public policy supposes a problem. However, sociologists and political scientists have shown that public problems are not immediately obvious. No phenomenon is a public problem in itself, public problems are socially constructed : phenomena become public problems when they have been presented – properly – as such. Moreover, the definition of a public problem does not inevitably leads to a policy. In a word, there is no mechanical linkage between problems and policies. The process is not completely predictable, but neither is it random. Logics can be identified. Basically, this course (a lecture) is concerned with how problems are formed and framed, and how they become – or do not become – items on the agenda. After having introduced the notion of agenda setting, the course develops the so-called “social problem” approach, then it exposes leading concepts to explain the character of the agenda in modern times.

### En bref

**Crédits ECTS** : 3.0

**Nombre d'heures** : 18.0

**Temporalité** : Semestriel

**Type d'enseignement** : Cours magistral

**Année** : 4 | Quatrième année

**Mode de validation** : Examen terminal écrit

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## Examens

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