

Making "Bipartisan" Social Welfare Policy: the New Brunswick Experience

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Purpose: The purpose of this workshop is to introduce students to the relevant issues and challenges in creating and implementing provincial social welfare policy in Canada.

Topics

1. The provincial policy-making process – what's involved?
 - a. The role of politicians
 - b. The role of deputy ministers and other civil servants
 - c. The role of civil society
2. How does the federal political system affect this process?
 - a. Is partisanship a consideration?
 - b. FPT meetings and negotiations
3. Is social welfare policy particularly challenging to make?
 - a. What is social welfare policy?
 - b. Primary concerns and challenges
4. The case of poverty reduction policy: a bipartisan success story