

# The Role of Government: Rationales, Instruments and Issues

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## **Outline**

- A. Rationales for Government Intervention.
- B. Limits of Government Intervention
- C. Instrument Choice
- D. Problem Definition and Current Issues.

## **Required Reading List** (find these readings on course reserve\*: <http://reserves.concordia.ca/>)

Helliwell, John, and Shun Wang. 2013. "World Happiness: Trends, Explanations, and Distribution." In *World Happiness Report*, edited by John Helliwell, Richard Layard, and Jeffrey Sachs, 4-37. New York: UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

<http://unsdsn.org/resources/publications/world-happiness-report-2013/>

Stokey, Edith and Richard Zeckhauser. 1978. "Part III – Ends and Means." In *A Primer for Policy Analysis*, 257-320. New York: Norton. 3

Hood, Christopher. 2007. "Intellectual Obsolescence and Intellectual Makeovers: Reflections on Tools of Government after Two Decades," *Governance* 20(1): 127-144.

Thaler, Richard, and Cass Sunstein. 2009. "Part I: Humans and Econs." In *Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth, and Happiness*, 18-100. New York: Penguin.

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