Library Workshop Course Webpage

POLI 363: ISSUES IN CANADIAN PUBLIC POLICY LIBRARY WORKSHOP

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Print Journal Archive
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Group Study Rooms
Quiet Study
Bring your own device
Outlets/Wifi
No collections
Print Collections


• Political Science & Government: J – JZ (LB4)
  • Political institutions and public administration (North America): JF 1000 – JF 1019
  • Political institutions and public administration (Canada): JL 1 – JL 500

• Law, K-KZ (LB4)
  • Canadian Law: KE (LB4)
  • Canadian health law KE 3500 (LB4)

• Social Sciences: Public Policy, Economics, Statistics, Human rights and Peace studies, Socialism, Communism: H-HV (LB4)
  • Women, The Family, Sexuality, Sex roles, Parenting, Children, Marriage, Men, Feminism: HQ (LB4)
  • Social Services., Social Work, Social and public welfare, Immigration: HV (LB4)

• History of North and South America (Canadian history), First peoples and Indigenous studies: E-FC (LB3)
BCI Card – Borrow from other Libraries

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You can use the BCI card to visit a different university library in person:

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- McGill, UdeM, UQAM, etc.

To receive a card, take your student card to the circulation/Loans desk at Webster or Vanier libraries and ask for a BCI card.

- Why wouldn’t Concordia have the book or article?
  - Different programs/areas of expertise/languages
COLOMBO – Interlibrary Loans

• Use Interlibrary loans/COLOMBO – to borrow print books and access e-journal articles from other libraries

  • with the exception of e-books, which are unavailable from other libraries.

• Request an e-journal article from another university library and (generally) a PDF copy will be delivered to your email within a week.

• Use the ‘Create Request’ option on the left hand menu in COLOMBO to request articles.
Discovery Search will search through the library catalogue and some article databases.

Library catalogue searches through all the physical and ebook collections at Concordia.

Find article databases, by subject area.

E-reserves.
How can I find this?

Parental-leave rich and parental-leave poor: Inequality in Canadian labour market based leave policies.

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Abstract

Canada has two parental leave benefit programs for the care of a newborn or adopted child: a federal program, and, since 2006, a provincial program in Québec. Informed by a social reproduction framework, this article compares access to parental leave benefits between Québec and the rest of Canada by family income and by its two different programs. Our analysis of quantitative data reveals that maternal access to leave benefits has
Case Study of a Canadian Policy Issue

- An overview of the issue, including academic perspectives
- An institutional mapping, which explains where the issue is currently situated within the Canadian policymaking system (e.g. federal, provincial, municipal governments; international institutions, etc.)
- A contemporary policy framework, which identifies all of the relevant policies currently addressing the issue
- A list of all relevant actors and their perspectives on the issue, including both government and non-government individual and groups
- A briefing note on the issue that includes of recommendations
Search tips - Databases

- **And** – limits how many results your search produces
  - Example: women AND health

- **OR** – increases the number of results your search produces
  - Example: parental leave OR maternity leave

- **“”** - exact phrase - Example: “public policy”

- ***- truncation**: retrieves all words that start with the letters entered.
  - Example: Environment* finds: environments, environmental, environmentalist, etc.
Avoid Searching with non-essential words

- Effects on
- Impact of
- Consequences of
- Influence of
- Results
- Importance of
- Significance of

Each author may use different linking words when discussing similar topics.

You don’t want your search to be limited to those books and articles that only contain the word “effect” or “consequence”.
Public Policy Case Study

- Cannabis Policy

- Keywords: Cannabis AND polic* OR regulat* OR law AND Canad*
Who is the publisher?
Who is the author?
Look for government or institutional branding.
DesLibris (Canadian Public Policy Collection)

This is an online collection of policy documents, government publications and some scholarly ebooks. It is all published in Canada, and you can use your narrowing options to find just “public documents”, or narrow by subject keyword.
Check the Publisher:
Is a federal government dept?
Is it a provincial government?
Is it a municipal government?
Is it a non-government organization?

What is the scope or mandate of the group or organization?
Are they non-profit?
Are they independent?

Look for ‘About’ sections

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The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) is Canada’s largest mental health and addiction teaching hospital, as well as one of the world’s leading research centres in the area of addiction and mental health. CAMH combines clinical care, research, education, policy development and health promotion to help transform the lives of people affected by mental health and addiction issues.

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Searching in the databases: ProQuest Combined Canadian

Add subject terms to narrow down your results and make them more specific.

Narrow your search results down to Scholarly Journals or newspapers.
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Accessing e-journal articles

1. Click on the links provided under the green bar

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3. Request the article through Interlibrary loans / COLOMBO, from another library, a PDF will be emailed to you.
Finding policy or government information

Search for government information

Canada ✅ cannabis policy regulation law

Didn't find what you were looking for? Try one of these databases:

- GALOP Portal - federal and provincial legislative/parliamentary libraries
- Publications gouvernementales du Québec en ligne - BAnQ
- Ontario Government Documents - Government of Ontario
- Publications Canada - Official Government of Canada documents
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Adjust your keywords as you search.
Access to:

Hansard/Debates – verbatim transcripts from the House of Commons

Committee Meetings Minutes and Evidence
Standing Committees

• In Canada, a **standing committee** is a permanent committee established by Standing Orders of the House of Commons or the Senate.

• It may study matters referred to it by special order or, within its area of responsibility in the Standing Orders, may undertake studies on its own initiative.

• The role of the committee is to consider a bill clause by clause, and if necessary, word by word, and to approve the text or to modify it.

• The committee has the power to modify the provisions of a bill to the extent that when it is reported to the House it may be completely different in substance from the bill referred to the committee.
Committee work - Witnesses

• A committee to which a bill is referred usually chooses to hold public hearings. Its steering committee (referred to as the subcommittee on agenda and procedure), or the whole committee...may discuss a timetable for meetings and compile a list of witnesses whom the members wish to invite to appear.

• A steering committee will usually present its recommendations to the whole committee in the form of a report. The committee may then adopt the report with or without amendments.

• For example: 2013 Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, Bill C-428, An Act to amend the Indian Act (publication of by-laws) and to provide for its replacement: Witness – Betty Ann Lavallée, National Chief, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples: https://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/41-1/AANO/meeting-65/evidence#Int-7939775
In LegisInfo you will find:

All the stages a bill has gone through in the House of Commons, Committees and Senate, before it becomes law

The status of bills

Read speeches from the House and Senate related to the bills

Read Legislative Summaries, about the issue or policy, prepared for MPs and Senators

A list of further reading, including academic articles on the same topic
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