

## **PANEL**

## <u>Public Policies in Latin America and the Cognitive Approach:</u> <u>Paradigms, Actors and Coalitions</u>

This panel addresses researches about Latin America made through the "Cognitive Approach of Public Policy". This theoretical framework is based on analysis of public policy that relies on a cognitive and normative perspective, especially through the concepts of paradigm, frame of reference and advocacy coalition. In this sense, what were the paradigms followed by the Latin American public policies lately? How paradigms have responded to economic and political changes occurred in the region? How have they changed over time? The panel also intends to discuss about the actors and coalitions on Latin America public policies. If the state used to be the main protagonist of public action, a number of other actors, coalitions and institutions have emerged in the last years to substitute state in a large number of areas. Who are they and who do they represent? How do they influence the agenda setting of Latin America public policy? What are their strategies and their roles in the formulation and implementation of public policies? We encourage proposals that combine conceptual discussion and empirical analysis. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to: social policy (social security, health care, social care, child protection, education policy), fiscal policy, cultural policy, development policy and environmental policy.

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