Symposium: “Systematic reviews - Better Policy Implementation?”

Preliminary Agenda

September 13
University of Bergen
Bergen, Norway

Organizing committee at the University of Bergen: Marit Skivenes and the Center for Research on Discretion and Paternalism.

Organizing committee at INSP: Douglas J. Besharov and Neil Gilbert
09:00–09:15  **Welcome and Introductions**  
*Marit Skivenes*, University of Bergen  
*Douglas Besharov*, University of Maryland  
*Neil Gilbert*, University of California, Berkeley

09:15-10:45  **Are Systematic Reviews the Next Step in Evidence-Based Policy Analysis?**  
- What are Campbell Collaboration systematic reviews? How are they used?  
  *Howard White*, Campbell Collaboration  
- Other systematic (and non-systematic) literature reviews for policy and planning  
  *Jacob Klerman*, Abt Associates

10:45–11:00  **Coffee Break (incl. snack)**

11:00–12:15  **Are Systematic Reviews the Next Step in Evidence-Based … (cont.)**  
- Adding a formal policy analysis  
  *Martin Potucek*, Charles University  
- Establishing National and Regional Centers for Systematic Reviews  
  *Howard White*, Campbell Collaboration  
- Personnel  
- Funding  
- Auspice and structure

12:15  **Lunch**  
Venue TBA.

13:15  **Seminar on Systematic Reviews (optional)**  
*Seminar room 5 at Faculty of Law, Magnus Lagabøtes Plass 1.*  
*The Center for Research on Discretion and Paternalism will plan a few touristic activity options for those not attending the seminar*

13:15–16:15  **Seminar on Systematic Reviews**  
- Developing a Protocol  
  *Howard White*, Campbell Collaboration
Selecting a topic and deciding its scope
Search strategy, including software and data bases
Inclusion/exclusion criteria, including methodologies
Quality assessments
Data extraction
Evidence gap maps

Synthesis (Jacob Klerman, Abt Associates)

Qualitative
- When appropriate
- Order for presenting findings (thematically, chronologically, etc.)
- Degree of study quality assessment

Quantitative (Meta-analysis)
- When appropriate
- Dealing with heterogeneity (fixed vs random effects)
- Meta-regressions

Discussion/Analysis (Douglas Call, University of Maryland)

- How the findings fit within the program context (e.g., program theory, program design, implementation, and the possibly changing counterfactual)
- Generalizability to other contexts
- Implications for policy

Publication

- The Campbell process (Howard White, Campbell Collaboration)
- Journal publication (Jacob Klerman, Abt Associates)

18:00  

Business Dinner

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European Attitudes about Immigration and their Political Consequences¹

Mark H. Lopez, Pew Research Center

Comments/reactions: Guido Merzoni, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, and Sagrario Segado Sánchez-Cabezudo, INED

The Future of Europe: What the Polls Say about the Attitudes of Europeans toward the Future of Europe and the European Union and about the Future of Their Own Countries

Mark H. Lopez, Pew Research Center

Country specific comments/reactions from Martin Potůček, Charles University and Paweł Polawski, University of Warsaw

Implications for Higher Education If the European Union Changes

Paola Mattei, University of Milan

Comments/Reactions: David Reingold, Purdue University

¹ This talk will also be given at the breakfast seminar on Friday, Sept. 14.