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Panel Title:

P18 - Critical Policy Discourse Analysis

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This panel offers a forum for critical discourse approaches to policy analysis. Papers may focus on any area of policy analysis and critique, and may adopt a range of approaches to textually oriented CDA.

However, the panel also seeks to build on recent developments in CDA and IPA that have emerged through discussion at previous IPA conferences. Therefore, papers which focus on a new approach to combining critical discourse analysis with critical policy analysis, as showcased in *Critical Policy Discourse Analysis* (eds. Montesano Montessori, Farrelly, Mulderrig) are particularly encouraged. This approach bridges the literature on critical discourse analysis and critical policy analysis bringing new analytical power to policy analysis. Four major claims are made for Critical Policy Discourse Analysis:

1. It encourages and facilitates a relational analysis of policy
2. It emphasises the constitutive role of discourse in policy analysis
3. It encourages analysis of the context of policy discourse
4. It encourages analysis of the connection between policy and power

A key aim of the panel is to provide a space to discuss the contribution of CDA as one approach to critical policy analysis and to address practical issues of method in applying critical discourse analysis to IPA. We welcome papers that address these issues and reflect explicitly on the theoretical and methodological decisions made during their research.