

# INTERPRETIVE POLICY ANALYSIS CONFERENCE 2021

## Panel Title

*P24 - Critical Discourse Analysis, Discourse Theory and Hegemony*

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This panel offers a forum for critical discourse approaches to policy analysis performed in combination with discourse theory (Laclau and Mouffe 1985 and beyond). Combining discourse theory and CDA is both challenging and productive. Challenging in the sense that both maintain different ontological views, rewarding because the theoretical orientation of DT and the methodological orientation of CDA complement each other very well. Papers may focus on any area of policy analysis, social change, social movements, hegemony and power and may adopt a range of approaches to textually oriented CDA combined with discourse theory. A key aim of the panel is to reflect on the challenges and possibilities of combining CDA and DT. Papers focusing on new ways of research methodology and innovative approaches in DT and CDA are also welcome (see also the forthcoming special issue *Journal of Language and Politics* 20:1 "On discourse theory: ways forward for theory development and research practice").

Contributors are encouraged to reflect explicitly on their research aims, reasons for combining CDA and DT, problems found and (not) resolved on the way, and implications for our understanding of the pitfalls and opportunities of this combined approach. Papers are welcome that combine CDA and DT and, for instance, focus on the following topics

- Social and/or organisational change
- Social movements
- Social entrepreneurship
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Radical Democracy
- Hegemony
- Power
- Populism

Papers will variously ask: What are the features of discourse associated with areas of policy practices and/or processes of social change? What is the role of discourse in processes of social change - or its

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stagnation? How does a research approach that comprises CDA and DT help to understand the particular phenomenon that is being researched?