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MSc Comparative Public Policy Information Session

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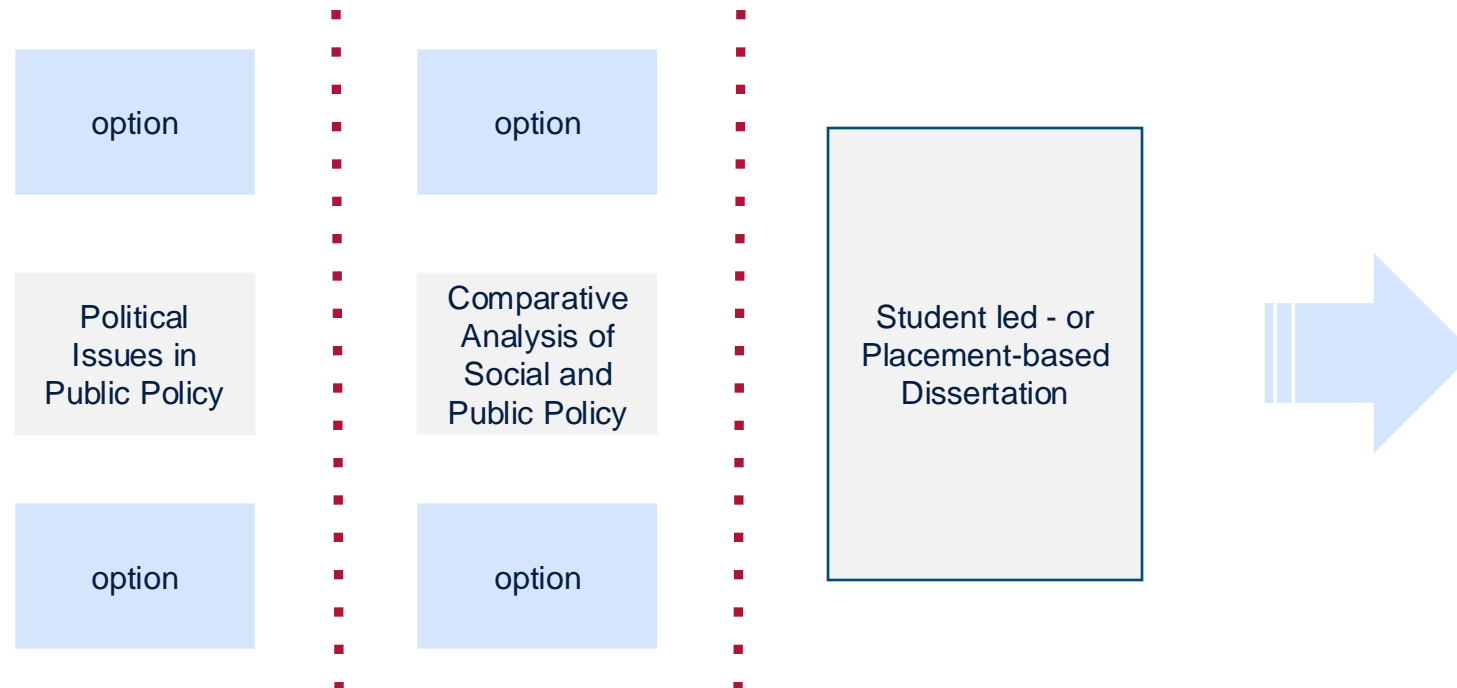
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Agenda

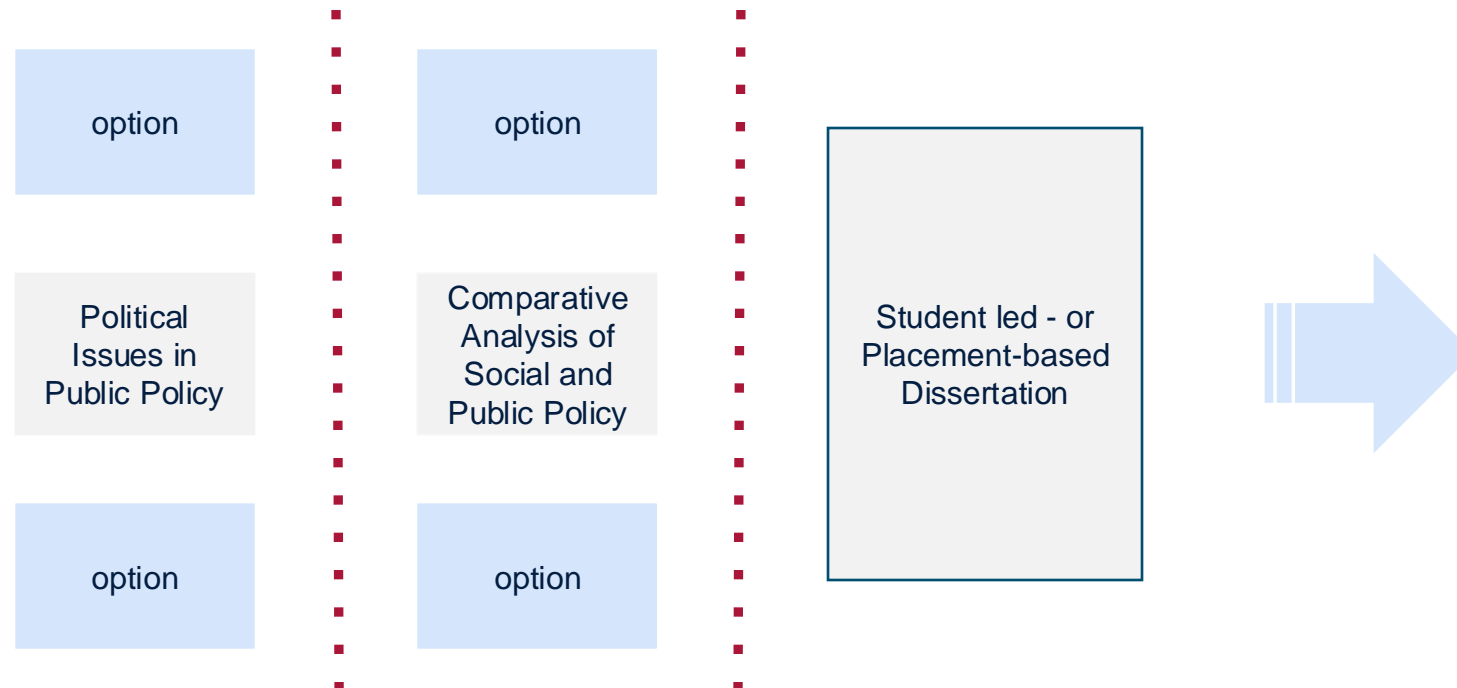
- The Social Policy subject area
- Introducing the MSc Public Policy
- Introducing the MSc Comparative Public Policy
- Questions

- The Social Policy subject area is home to the Public Policy and **Comparative Public Policy** MSc degrees
- Research led teaching drawing on high-quality, multi- and inter- disciplinary policy research.
- We engage with various social and public policy areas, including: labour market, health, education, skills, social security.
- Ranked amongst the world's top-10 “Social Policy and Administration” departments in the 2023 QS World University Ranking.
- Ranked 2nd in UK for quality and breadth of our policy research by the Times Higher
 - you can find us here - <https://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/social-policy>

Comparative Public Policy at a glance



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At least 2 options from a dedicated set. This year's set (2024/25):

Global Politics of Public Health

IPHP11003

20 credits

European Social Policy

PGSP11203

20 credits

Economic Issues in Public Policy

PGSP11246

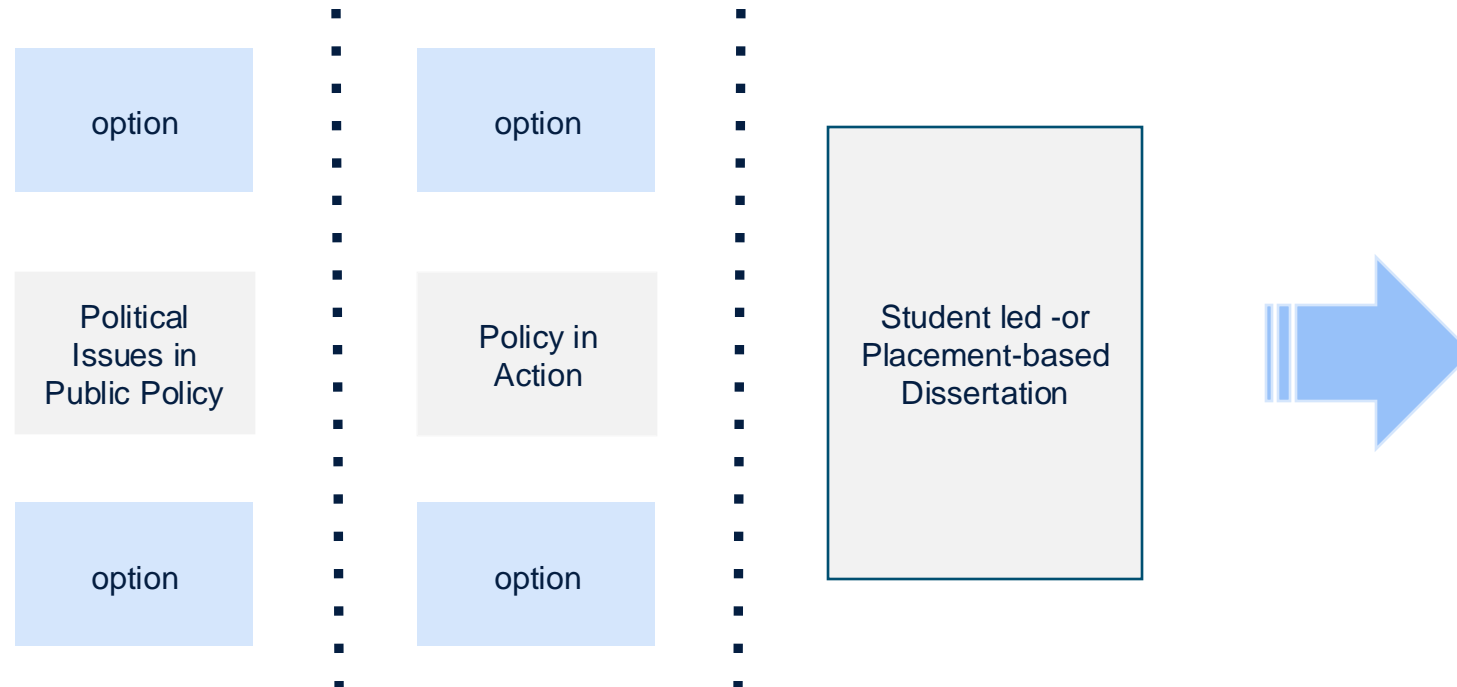
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Eco-social policy and sustainable welfare

PGSP11604

20 credits

Our partner programme: Public policy at a glance



Examples of some of the wider range of option courses

- European Social Policy
- Global Politics of Public Health
- Labour Market Policy: International and Comparative Perspectives
- Economic issues in public policy
- Eco-Social Policy
- Energy Policy and Politics
- Global Environmental Politics
- Institutions and Policies of the European Union
- International Political Economy
- Population Health and Health Policy
- Public Engagement in Policymaking and Governance
- Social Determinants of Health and Public Policy
- Research Skills in the Social Sciences: Data Collection
- Core quantitative data analysis
- Statistical Modelling in the Social Sciences
- Multilevel Modelling in the Social Sciences

Dissertation

- Student led 'desk based' major piece of independent research
→ You decide - subject, method and research question.

Examples from past dissertation projects

- Examining the political feasibility of a Universal Basic Income in the UK
- Path dependence and family policy in China
- The policy success and failure of education policy in Hungary
- Comparing family policy expansion in Germany and Japan.

- 'Placement based' dissertation

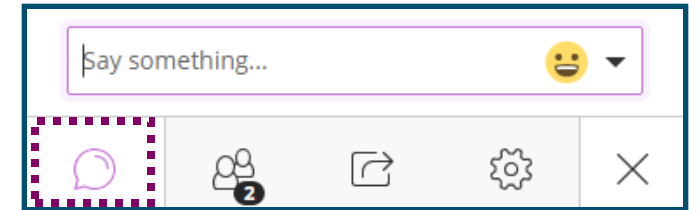
- A project determined by external organisation
- Application based and competitive process.
- Details in autumn & decision in February.

- Some examples of past participating organisations:

- European Trade Union Institute
- Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- Finnish Centre for Pensions
- David Hume Institute
- YouthLink Scotland

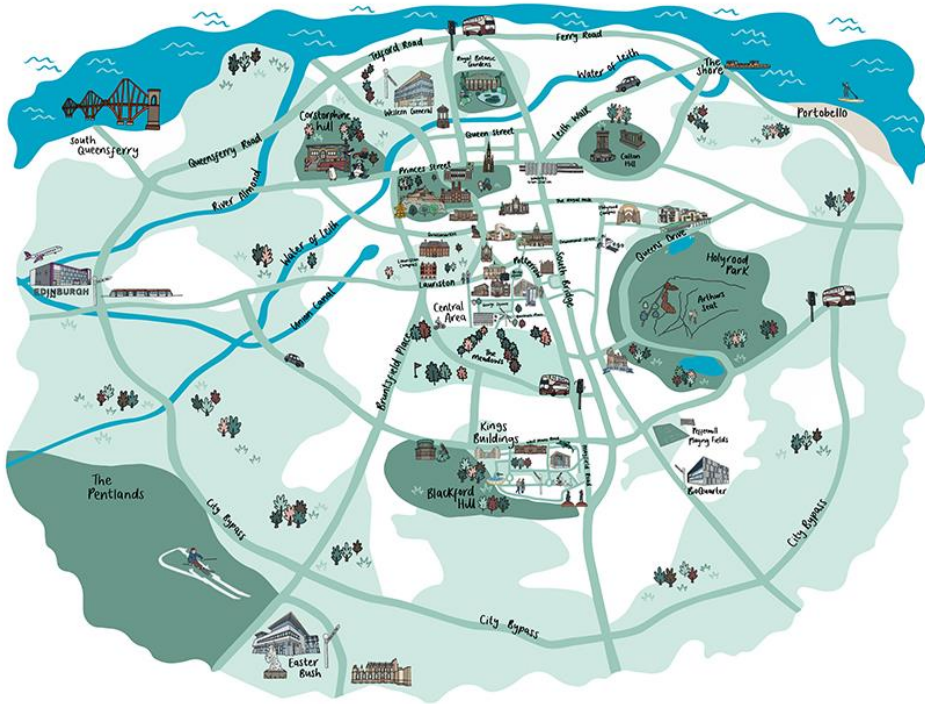
Asking questions (Collaborate)

- Please hold all questions until the end of the formal presentation
- Always use the ‘hand raise icon’ to queue up your question
- When called upon to ask your question, type it into the “Text chat area”
- Once your question is answered, please lower your hand



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Contact details for follow-up questions

- We apologise if we did not get through all of your questions in the time allotted for this session.
 - If you have further questions that have not been answered, or for general admissions questions please email PGT admissions: futurestudents@ed.ac.uk
- Alternatively, if you have a specific academic query you can contact the Programme Director
 - Dr Jan Eichhorn jan.eichhorn@ed.ac.uk



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It's Day One!

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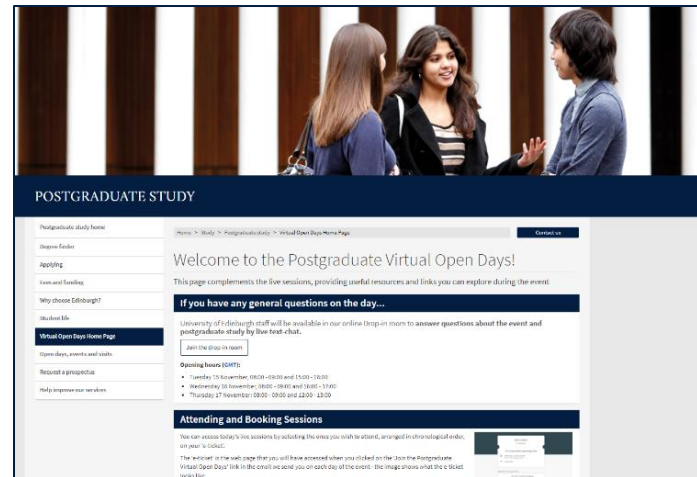
It is Day One of our Postgraduate Virtual Open Days! We are looking forward to welcoming you during the day.

Joining the event

To access the event, use your 'ticket' link below. The sessions are listed in chronological order and the times shown are in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). The link to join a session will appear 15 minutes before it starts.

[Virtual Open Days Ticket](#)

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- <https://edin.ac/3CymWA3>



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Thank you