

## THE ECONOMICS OF PUBLIC ISSUES

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**Course objectives :** Understanding the meaning of public policy;

Understanding how public policy is related to economics and also to other disciplines like law and political science; enhancing the critical and analytical thinking skills; to be able to analyse daily public policy issues in the light of economics and law.

**Course Description:** Application of the foundations of economic analysis to daily public issues; the use of fundamental supply and demand analysis to social issues.

**Educational Outcomes:** To make the student more critical and analytical in analysing the daily issues

**Main Textbook:**

The Economics of Public Issues

Roger LeRoy Miller, Daniel K. Benjamin, Douglas North (Nobel Prize in Economics)

Nineteenth Edition, Pearson Publication

**Additional reading material will be suggested and given to the students.**

**Course Outline:**

Theme 1: Death by Bureaucrat

Theme 2: The Mystery of Wealth

Theme 3: Economics of Public Policy

Theme 4: The Economics of sex, booze and drug  
Theme 5: The Economics of organ transplantation:  
Kidneys for sale

Theme 6: (Why) are women paid less?

Theme 7: The effects of minimum wages

Theme 8: The Economics of Global Climate Change

Theme 9: The Globalization and Economic Prosperity