# Journal of Public Policy



### Journal of Public Policy

#### *Editor:* Professor RICHARD ROSE, Centre for the Study of Public Policy, Edward Wright Building, University of Aberdeen AB24 3QY *Co-Editor:* EDWARD C. PAGE, London School of Economics jpp@abdn.ac.uk

#### Editorial Board

JENS ALBER, Wissenschaftszentrum, Berlin JAMES E. ALT, Harvard University FRANK R. BAUMGARTNER, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill TIM BESLEY, London School of Economics JOHN CREIGHTON CAMPBELL, University of Michigan WILLIAM COLEMAN, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario MARKUS CREPAZ, University of Georgia, USA PEPPER D. CULPEPPER, European University Institute, Florence PATRICK LE GALÈS, CNRS, CEVIPOF, Paris ROBERT E. GOODIN, Australian National University, Canberra KLAUS H. GOETZ, University of Potsdam PETER HALL, Harvard University ROBERT HOLTZMANN, World Bank, Marseille MICHAEL HOWLETT, Simon Fraser University MICHAEL KEATING, University of Aberdeen RUDOLF KLEIN, London School of Economics STEPHAN LEIBFRIED, University of Bremen EDWARD C. PAGE, London School of Economics B. GUY PETERS, University of Pittsburgh CLAUDIO RADAELLI, University of Exeter FRITZ W. SCHARPF, Max-Planck Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Cologne MANFRED SCHMIDT, University of Heidelberg SVEN STEINMO, European University Institute, Florence VITO TANZI, Washington DC FRANK VIBERT, London School of Economics, London KENT WEAVER, Georgetown University, Washington DC

#### EDITORIAL STATEMENT

To understand public policy it is necessary to relate ideas to concrete problems of government. This *Journal* therefore publishes articles that use concepts derived from any of the social sciences to analyse a significant problem facing contemporary governments.

Good ideas, like the problems of the contemporary world, admit no boundaries. Articles that make explicit comparisons across nations are particularly welcome. Every article is intended to be relevant across national boundaries, dealing with problems common in many societies.

The problems of the contemporary world unite what academic disciplines and national political systems tend to keep apart. Substantive concerns come first. Methodology and concepts should be instrumental in achieving analytic purposes and concepts and theories should be grounded in an awareness of government wie es eigentlich gewesen ist.

Instructions for contributors can be found on the journals WEB site http://www.journals.cambridge.org/pup

The *Journal of Public Policy* is sponsored by the Centre for the Study of Public Policy, University of Aberdeen Printed in the United Kingdom at the University Press, Cambridge.

## Journal of Public Policy

VOLUME 30 PART 1 April 2010

SPECIAL ISSUE: Performing to Type? Institutional Performance in New EU Member States

Radoslaw Zubek and Klaus H. Goetz

#### ARTICLES

RADOSLAW ZUBEK AND KLAUS H. GOETZ Performing to Type? How State Institutions Matter in East Central Europe

DETLEF JAHN AND FERDINAND MÜLLER-ROMMEL Political Institutions and Policy Performance: A Comparative Analysis of Central and Eastern Europe

MARK HALLERBERG AND SAMI YLÄOUTINEN Political Power, Fiscal Institutions and Budgetary Outcomes in Central and Eastern Europe

RADOSLAW ZUBEK AND CHRISTIAN STECKER Legislatures and Policy Uncertainty: Evidence from East Central Europe

MARCIN MATCZAK, MATYAS BENCZE AND ZDENEK KÜHN Constitutions, EU Law and Judicial Strategies in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland

GERDA FALKNER Institutional Performance and Compliance with EU Law: Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia and Slovenia

KATARÍNA STAROŇOVÁ Regulatory Impact Assessment: Formal Institutionalization and Practice