POLITICAL SCIENCE 3710  
Intergovernmental Relations  
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General Information

The main purpose of this course is to introduce students to the study of intergovernmental studies. In the first part of the course we will examine key concepts and theories that we can rely upon to make better sense of what intergovernmentalism is, the conditions which shape these experiments, and the outcomes achieved. The second part of the course will be devoted to analysing various examples of intergovernmental systems across both jurisdictions and policy fields. Copies for papers and class presentations will be organized in the first couple of weeks of the course. Given the extent to which intergovernmental relations has influenced international, interprovincial, municipal-provincial-national partnerships in most policy fields, there should be much opportunity for students to apply key concepts and theories in different contexts. Whether we are discussing constructing common problems or solutions in the areas of the environment, equalization, economic development, aboriginal governance, emergency measures, fishery, obesity, social justice, or standards for health care, there will be much opportunity to learn about the challenges of intergovernmental relations. Papers will be due before the last two weeks of class. The mid-term will be scheduled the week before the mid-term break.

Mark Distribution

- Paper: 40%
- Mid-term: 20%
- Final Examination: 40%

Required Reading Materials:

Herman Bakvis and Grace Skogstad, editors, Canadian Federalism: Performance, Effectiveness and Legitimacy.

Lecture Themes:

I. Introduction and Overview of the Approaches to Intergovernmental Relations.
   1. Robert Young and Christian Leuprecht, Chapters 1, 2.
   2. Herman Bakvis and Grace Skogstad, Canadian Federalism: Performance, Effectiveness, Legitimacy, Chapter 1.
   4. Stephen Tomblin, Ottawa and the Outer Provinces, Chapter 1, 2.
   5. Edwin Black, Divided Loyalties, Chapter 1.

II. Institutions and Processes
   1. Herman Bakvis and Grace Skogstad, Chapters 2, 4, 5, 6
   2. Robert Young and Christian Leuprecht, Chapters 4, 5.

III. Politics and Policy

IV. Case-studies
   1. Herman Bakvis and Grace Skogstad, Chapters 7, 8, 10, 12, 13.
   2. Robert Young and Christian Leuprecht, Chapter 13, 15.

V. Conclusion
   1. Herman Bakvis and Grace Skogstad, Chapters 16, 17, 18.