

MSc Comparative Public Policy

Summer reading / listening / viewing

Should you be interested in exploring the general current socio-political and economic contexts of policymaking prior to your arrival in September then you might like to consider reading “Buying Time: The Delayed Crisis of Democratic Capitalism” by Wolfgang Streeck.

Another great resource is “The Oxford Handbook of Classics in Public Policy and Administration”. In this handbook, leading contemporary public policy scholars provide a succinct review and commentary to some of the most influential works in the discipline.

If you would like to familiarise with some of the key concepts and theories of public policy, Paul Cairney’s [Politics and Public Policy Blog](#) is a very effective and agile way to do so.

The [Rhodes Center Podcast](#) at Brown University tackles some of the most topical current public policy questions.

An equally interesting podcast with a specific focus on Europe is the [Transformation of European Politics Podcast](#).

If you wish to complement this with a fictional, but informed and informative account of what the operationalisation of policy decision making across a variety of sectors can look like then you might wish to view the TV series ‘The Wire’. Spanning five seasons the programme engages with various social issues in the fields of criminal justice, labour relations, local government, education and the media.

In each case I would encourage you to engage critically with the material and supplement with other sources such as newspapers, magazines or documentaries so as to begin to immerse yourself in the world of contemporary policy and politics.