

# Programmatic Action, Social Identities, and Actor Networks in Policy Process Research

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## Abstract

This panel starts from a group-theoretical perspective and assumes joint action of policy actors as the consequence of group processes that are driven by an individual's social identification. Such groups may be programmatic groups which were formed on the basis of shared biographies and career trajectories, and whose at first sight informal social identification is established by committing to a commonly promoted policy program, resulting in programmatic action (Programmatic Action Framework, PAF). Alternatively, social identification with groups can rest on organizational attachments (like political parties), demographic or biographic characteristics, sectoral (policy-related) alignment, or local ties. Thus, the panel particularly invites paper proposals that empirically apply and/or theoretically enlarge and/or combine with other existing approaches the perspective of social identities in general and PAF in particular in policy process research. In a broader understanding of this perspective, the panel also seeks contributions that shed more light on actor networks in policy processes, their formation, cooperation, and achieved policy success. Thereby, we are particularly interested in papers that address the outlined concepts and theoretical considerations against the backdrop of macro-level institutional opportunities and constraints, such as formal and informal bodies of cooperation, joint policy formulation, and successful policy adoption.

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