

The Outline of the Seminar Paper for Public Policy course

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Title	From public to private: Explaining the introduction of the three-pillar pension scheme in Croatia		
Cognitive problem	Given its continental welfare state legacy, Croatia's 2001 move from a pay-as-you-go public pension pillar to a three-pillar pension scheme can be considered a major, institutionally path-departing reform. Relying on public policy theories, this paper tries to explain why such a reform came about.		
Research question	What conditions led to Croatia's move from a public to a three-pillar pension scheme?		
Theory/ies applied	Kingdon's Multiple Streams Framework (1995) will be applied to explain how the interaction of three streams created a window of opportunity to introduce reform, and to understand the role of local politicians and international advisors as 'policy entrepreneurs.' Historical institutionalism (Pierson 2000) will be applied to explain why a break in Croatia's institutional pathway occurred, despite mechanisms of increasing returns inherent to path-dependency in pension systems.		
Method/s applied	Analysis of legal/policy documents; Analysis of media reports and politicians' statements surrounding the reform		

<p>Sources (literature, other sources)</p>	<p>Required and recommended reading (see course syllabus):</p> <p>Fischer, F., Gerhard, M.J., & Sidney, M.S. (Eds.). (2007). <i>Handbook of Public Policy Analysis</i>. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press.</p> <p>Electronic databases of scientific articles in the Jinonice Library (minimum one)</p> <p>Kingdon, J.W. (1995). <i>Agenda, Alternatives, and Public Policies</i>. 2nd Edition. New York: HarperCollins College Publishers.</p> <p>Pierson, Paul. (2000). Increasing Returns, Path Dependence, and the Study of Politics. <i>American Political Science Review</i> 94, no. 2: 251–68.</p> <p>Vukorepa, Ivana. (2015). Lost between Sustainability and Adequacy: Critical Analysis of the Croatian Pension System's Parametric Reform. <i>Revija za socijalnu politiku</i> 22, no. 3: 279–308.</p>		
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