

Interpretive policy analysis

Resource sheet [4/20/21]

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References on this topic were requested during the 4th Methods Clinic discussion of Anh Le's question. We already listed some materials, including information about an association, its conference, its journal, and a Conference Group at APSA, in the resource sheet for the 1st Methods Clinic, available here:

<https://connect.apsanet.org/interpretationandmethod/methods-clinic/>

For historical background, with entries listed in chronological order, see "[Where and how did public policy and p.a. take their interpretive turn? A bibliography](#)", prepared by Dvora Yanow and Peregrine Schwartz-Shea for their breakout session at the NSF Workshop on Interpretive Methodologies in Political Science (1-2 September 2009).

Interpretive policy analysis has grown rapidly. Here are some more recent, selected works by some of the key authors in the field. These are listed in reverse chronological order. Searching on their names will lead you to other works.

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