

## **Abstract**

### **Public Lecture on What, if Anything, Is New in Policy Studies?**

Some scholars, such as Peter John, have argued that there was some golden age of policy studies in the past, but that this age has passed. The argument is that little that is innovative and important is now being done in policy studies (especially in political science). This lecture examines that assertion, agreeing in part and disagreeing in part. It also examines reasons for some decreased emphasis in policy studies.