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ANTH 555:
**POLICY AND
CULTURE**

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This course will examine the integral nature of cultural processes to policy making and implementation. We will also be looking at the culture of policymaking organizations themselves. *Policy & Culture* will explore the role of values in policy and research, the constitution of knowledge, and cultural and social understandings of risk. We will spend some time thinking about how policies and programs are measured or deemed as successful or not and we will consider how the human body becomes a site of politics and power. Looking at primarily anthropological accounts from around the world, we will discuss topics such as, international development, health care, immigration, war, humanitarian efforts, human rights, and the environment. This course is open to students in any undergraduate or graduate program at Mason. For undergraduates, it fulfills the CHSS Non-Western and Mason Core Social and Behavioral Science requirements.