

A Study on the Pattern of Association Participation in Public Policy in Macau

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Abstract

Purpose: Associations are the core actors in Macau politics, and the associations have a significant influence on public policy-making. This paper attempts to analyze the pattern of association participation in public policy in Macau.

Design / Methodology / Approach: This paper used the qualitative comparative analysis (QCA) methodology.

Findings: In Macau, there are two patterns in association participation in public policy. The insider pattern shows that regardless of the size of the service network, associations that have more member numbers, have a stronger relationship with the government, and do not adopt social movement strategies will have a higher policy influence. The social movement pattern shows that regardless of the member numbers, associations that have smaller size of service networks and have weaker relationships with the government, but adopt social movement strategies will have higher policy influence.

Originality / Value: This paper summarizes the patterns of association participation in public policy in Macau for the first time.

Keywords

Association participation, Public policy, Macau, Pattern, QCA.