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前 言

2001年我国开办公共管理硕士（Master of Public Administration, MPA）教育。根据全国公共管理硕士（MPA）专业学位教育指导委员会对MPA核心课程的要求，全国各承担公共管理硕士教育项目的大学都开设了公共管理应用英语课程。本着公共管理硕士教育项目（MPA）为政府部门和非政府公共机构培养高层次、应用型专门人才的宗旨，公共管理应用英语的课程教学将英语语言教学和公共管理专业教学及公共管理实践有机结合起来，着重培养MPA学员的英语听、说、读、写、译能力。

根据公共管理硕士教育项目培养目标，要求学员具有阅读公共管理专业英语文献的能力，《新编MPA英语阅读教程》的编写遵循以下原则：第一，根据MPA学员工作中对英语的需要，强调实用性及专业性；第二，跟踪国内外公共管理科学进展，选择当代经典的公共管理专业文章，按照专题编写难易程度、篇幅长短适中的课文；第三，加强学员对公共管理专业常用英语词汇的掌握及对课文内容的理解，增强MPA学员阅读专业英语文献的能力。

本教材由15个单元构成：

- 第一单元 公共管理定义
- 第二单元 公共管理实践
- 第三单元 公共管理决策
- 第四单元 彻底改造政府机器
- 第五单元 政府间关系
- 第六单元 管理与组织理论
- 第七单元 组织行为
- 第八单元 管理主义与绩效管理
- 第九单元 公共管理战略计划与手段
- 第十单元 领导能力与责任
- 第十一单元 人事管理
- 第十二单元 公共预算
- 第十三单元 评估与生产力测量
- 第十四单元 社会公正
- 第十五单元 荣誉与道德规范

每个单元由围绕一个特定主题的3篇课文组成。课文A代表公共管理某个领域的研究成果或公共部门管理的经验，语言有一定难度，供教师 and 学员们课堂教学使用。课上讨论围绕一

定的问题展开，旨在提高MPA学员用英语思考和分析公共管理领域问题的能力。课后练习包括：重要新词汇和短语使用、课文和课外短文阅读理解、重点段落翻译以及理论与实践相结合的命题作文，目的是加强学员对新知识的应用能力、对课文和课外文章的阅读理解能力、英汉翻译能力和英语写作能力。课文B和课文C主要反映这个领域或相关领域的观点，语言相对简单，供学员们课外自学使用。每学期18个教学周，每周2个学时（也可集中为9个教学周，每周4学时），教师和学员们可在教学周内完成15个单元的教学，留下1周复习考试。教师们也可根据学员们的实际情况（英语基础或研究兴趣），选讲其中的某些单元。

本教材可作为MPA学员的精读或泛读教材，也可作为大学相关学科本科生、研究生、公共管理领域研究者和公共管理人员的参考读物。

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Unit 1

Defining Public Administration

Questions for preparation:

- 1. What activities does public administration refer to?**
- 2. What subfields does public administration have?**
- 3. What are the specializations and foci having to do with the specific form and level at which administration occurs?**

Text A

Public Administration

by Frank Marini

New Words and Expressions

occupational [ˌɒkjʊ'peɪʃənəl]

adj. 职业的

sector ['sektə] n. 部门

enterprise ['entəpraɪz] n. 企业

formulation [ˌfɔ:mju'leɪʃən]

n. 制定

implementation

[ˌɪmplɪmen'teɪʃən] n. 执行

involved [ɪn'vɒlvd] adj. 有关的

academic [ˌæke'demɪk] adj. 学术的

distinguishable [dɪ'stɪŋgwɪəbəl]

adj. 不同的

principally ['prɪnsɪpli] adv. 主要地

polity ['pɒlɪti] n. 国家组织

subpart ['sʌbpa:t] n. 分支

essentially [ɪ'senʃəli] adv. 本质上

familial [fə'mɪljəl] adj. 家族的

disciplined ['dɪsɪplɪnd] adj. 按规则做的

convey [kən'veɪ] vt. 表明

modification [ˌmɒdɪfɪ'keɪʃən]

n. 修正

modify ['mɒdɪfaɪ] v. 修改

urge [ɜ:dʒ] v. 督促

1. The occupational sector, enterprises, and activities having to do with the formulation and implementation of policy of governmental and other public programs and the management of organizations and activities involved. 2. The academic field concerned with the study of, improvement of, and training for the activities mentioned in 1.

Public administration refers to two distinguishable but closely related activities: (1) a professional practice (vocation, occupation, field of activity), and (2) an academic field which seeks to understand, develop, criticize, and improve that professional practice as well as to train individuals for that practice. The simple meaning of the term is quite direct: it refers on the one hand to the administration or management of matters which have principally to do with the society, polity, and its subparts which are not essentially private, familial, commercial, or individualistic, and on the other hand to the disciplined study of such matters. In this simplest meaning, public administration has to do with managing the realm of governmental and other public activities. This simple definition conveys the essence of public administration and probably covers the vast majority of activities and concerns of contemporary public administration.

Such a simple view, though, needs modification to account for at least two important considerations: First, it must be recognized that professional management of the public's affairs involves not only management in the narrowest sense (keeping the books, handling personnel decisions, implementing decisions which have been made elsewhere in the politico-socio-economic systems, etc.), but also significantly involves the planning, formulating, modifying, and urging

of goals and purposes of much of public affairs. Second, it must be recognized that some matters of public administration are handled in ways which are not purely but are not precisely governmental.



The first consideration—that public administration is involved in the substance of policy as well as in the implementation of policy decisions—is frequently alluded to with terms such as the demise of the politics-administration dichotomy, the impossibility of value-free public administration, and the need for proactivity by public administrators. These terms reflect the widespread, though not universal, belief or allegation that it is no longer, if ever it was, defensible to interpret public administration as solely involved in technically objective solutions or in the neutral implementation of decisions made by nonadministrative parts of the political system (e.g., partisan leadership; electoral processes; party processes; partisan bargaining; and parliamentary, legislative, and judicial institutions). This belief and related understandings have led to significant public administration attention to policy and policy process. Some have felt a need for a rubric which emphasizes such a policy focus and which might also encompass or indicate receptivity to areas of studies which are closely related (e.g., planning, urban affairs, economic analysis, public policy analysis), and terms such as public affairs are sometimes used for this purpose. In general, though, public administration still functions as the umbrella term throughout the world, though it must be realized that the term implies a broader range of concerns and activities than the narrow meaning of management or administration may convey.

The second consideration—that not all public administration

New Words and Expressions

- substance** ['sʌbstəns] *n.* 主旨
allude [ə'lju:d] *vi.* 提到
demise [di'maiz] *n.* 终结
dichotomy [dai'kɒtəmi] *n.* 二分法
value-free *adj.* 不涉及价值的
proactivity [ˌprəʊæktɪvɪti] *n.* 自主自为
universal [ˌjuːni'vɜːsəl] *adj.* 普遍的
allegation [æli'geɪʃən] *n.* 断言
defensible [di'fensəbl] *adj.* 可辩护的
partisan [ˌpɑːtɪzən] *adj.* 党派的
bargaining ['bɑːɡɪnɪŋ] *n.* 讨价还价
parliamentary [ˌpɑːlə'mentəri] *adj.* 议会的
legislative [ˌledʒɪs.leɪtɪv] *adj.* 立法的
judicial [dʒu(:)'dɪʃəl] *adj.* 司法的
institution [ɪnstɪ'tjuːʃən] *n.* 机构
rubric ['ruːbrɪk] *n.* 权威法令
encompass [ɪn'kʌmpəs] *v.* 包含
receptivity [ˌrɪsep'tɪvɪti] *n.* 接受能力

New Words and Expressions

- approach** [ə'prəʊtʃ] *n.* 途径
perspective [pə'spektɪv] *n.* 观点
mitigate ['mɪtɪgeɪt] *v.* 减小
quasi ['kwɑ:zi(:), 'kweɪsɪ] *adj.* 类似的
mechanism ['mekənɪzəm] *n.* 机制
corporation [ˌkɔ:pə'reɪʃən] *n.* 机构
contractual [kən'træktʃuəl] *adj.* 契约的
prevalent ['prevlənt] *adj.* 普遍的
directed [dɪ'rektɪd] *adj.* 指令性的
rhetoric ['retərɪk] *adj.* 花言巧语的

- date** [deɪt] *vt.* 定日期
bureaucracy [bjʊ'rɒkrəsi] *n.* 官僚机构
credit ['kredit] *vt.* 相信
Populist ['pɒpjulɪst] *adj.* 人民党的
Progressive [prə'gresɪv] *adj.* 进步党的

occurs in and through governmental organizations—also has led to a broadening of the meaning of public administration. At various times in the past of public administration it has seemed that its essence and activities could be identified by referring to nonmarket approaches to social purposes, but this perspective has been mitigated by the recognition that public programs and benefits could be developed through and provided with some market characteristics. Thus there have been developments such as governmental or quasi-governmental activities which compete with private sector activities or provide benefits through use of a price mechanism; sometimes water, utilities, sewers, health care, education, and other benefits are provided in this way. There are also devices such as public corporations, quasi-public corporations, public-private cooperative enterprises, and government contractual arrangements with nongovernmental organizations to provide certain benefits or perform certain functions. Indeed, even for large parts of the world where the private-public distinction has not been as prevalent or obvious as other places (for example, where the economy is essentially directed or nonmarket), the movement toward market or marketlike mechanisms for the provision of public goods is increasingly a matter of rhetoric, planning, or action.

When these considerations are taken into account, public administration is probably best defined as the practice and study of the professional formulation and influence of public policy and the implementation of such policy on a regular and organized basis on behalf of the public interest of a society, its civic subparts, and its citizenry.

Development of the Field

It is usual to date the contemporary social scientific awareness of bureaucracy (a term which can include both private, or “business” administration and public administration) with the work of the German social scientist Max Weber (1864-1920). Such dating, though, is more a matter of convenience or recognition of important scholarly influence than of historical accuracy.

In the United States, it is usual to credit the reformism of the Populist and Progressive era of politics (about 1880-1920) and especially Woodrow Wilson’s academic article “The Study of Administration” (in the *Political Science Quarterly* in 1887) for the systematic and self-conscious development of the field of public administration. It is usual also to identify the early years of U.S. public

administration with scientific management, a school of thought largely attributed to Frederick Winslow Taylor (1856-1915) which emphasized a task analysis and efficiency approach to management; and with the subsequent human relations movement, which emphasized the human and social aspects of work environments and motivations somewhat in contradistinction to the scientific management movement. Both of these latter movements had their origins in industrial and business management, but were very influential on public administration in the United States and around the world. The period of U.S. history between the Great Depression and the World War II (about 1929-1945) is commonly held to represent U.S. public administration in a self-confident—though some also say naive—phase; this period is frequently referred to in the United States and elsewhere as the period of classical public administration or orthodox public administration. The dynamics of the Cold War competition between the United States and Western allies and the USSR and its allies, and the manifestation of this competition in various forms of technical assistance, aid in economic development, and administrative assistance had an impact upon public administration. In the 1960s and 1970s, much of the world of science and technology came under attack. In the United States, these decades and their challenges have come to be interpreted against the backdrop of the civil rights movement (and related movements such as feminism), Vietnam War activism, the “new left,” anti-institutionalism, and particular manifestations of youth rebellion. Other parts of the world also experienced similar movements, frequently exacerbated by issues of neocolonialism, nationalism, anti-institutionalism, environmentalism, anti-technologism, and general critiques of scientific and technological perspectives and, indeed, the entirety of “modernity.” All of these matters had effects upon politics, the social sciences, and public administration. In the United States and elsewhere, many of these developments were accompanied by significant critiques of public administration. One manifestation of this was a dialogue about the need for fundamental rethinking in public administration (and, for some, the need for a “new public administration”). In the last couple of decades, this had been augmented by tremendous technological developments (e.g., in computer applications and in communications developments) on the one hand, and ever more sophisticated philosophical and methodological interpretations asserting that we are transcending “modernity” in ways which call much of our contemporary understanding and technological approaches into question on the other hand. At the present time, public administration worldwide is in creative tension and undergoing rapid change and attempts at reconceptualization. What the effects of all this will be over time, or what the next developmental stage will be, is unclear but generally appears to have an energizing effect upon the field.

New Words and Expressions

- attribute** [ə'tribju(:)t] *vt.* 归因于
- subsequent** ['sʌbsɪkwənt] *adj.* 随后的
- contradistinction** [ˌkɒntɹədɪstɪŋkʃən] *n.* 截然不同
- orthodox** ['ɔ:θədɒks] *adj.* 正统的
- dynamics** [daɪ'næmiks] *n.* 原动力
- manifestation** [ˌmænɪfɛ'steɪʃən] *n.* 表现
- backdrop** ['bækdrɒp] *n.* 背景
- anti-institutionalism** *n.* 反制度主义
- exacerbate** [eks'sæse(:)beɪt] *vt.* 加剧
- neocolonialism** [ˈni(:)əukə'ləniəlɪzəm] *n.* 新殖民主义
- environmentalism** [ɪn.vaiəɹən'mentlɪzəm] *n.* 环境保护主义
- anti-technologism** *n.* 反技术主义
- augment** [ɔ:g'ment] *v.* 增加
- application** [æpli'keɪʃən] *n.* 应用程序
- methodological** [ˌmeθədə'lɒdʒɪkəl] *adj.* 方法论的
- transcend** [træn'send] *vt.* 超越
- reconceptualization** [ˌrɪkən,septʃuəlaɪ'zeɪʃən] *n.* 再概念化
- energize** ['enədʒaɪz] *vt.* 激励

Configuration of the Field

New Words and Expressions

configuration [kən'figjʊ'reiʃən]

n. 构造

discipline ['disiplin] *n.* 学科

free-standing *adj.* 自立的

baccalaureate [bækə'lo:riit]

n. 学士学位

well-established ['welis'tæbliʃt]

adj. 确立的

prestigious [pres'ti:dʒəs] *adj.*

有声望的

specialization [speʃ'əlaɪzeɪʃən]

n. 专业

credential [kri'denʃəl] *n.* 证书

commitment [kə'mitmənt] *n.*

承诺

entry ['entri] *n.* 入口

spectrum ['spektrəm] *n.* 领域

speciality [speʃ'iæliti] *n.* 专业

diversity [dai'və:siti] *n.* 多样性

locale [ləu'ka:l] *n.* 背景

clientele [klaɪən'tel] 委托人;

主顾

foci ['fəusai] *n.* 焦点

Public administration is sometimes treated as though it is one of the social sciences, a discipline in some sense. As the number of programs offering doctoral degrees in the field has increased, this interpretation has gained strength.

In the United States, it is relatively unusual for public administration to be a free-standing degree program at the baccalaureate level (though there are some well-established and prestigious programs of this sort—especially in schools of public affairs, schools of management, or schools of public administration—and this approach may be on the increase). The more traditional and still usual pattern is for baccalaureate education in public administration to be a major or minor specialization within a political science degree program. Master-level degrees are increasingly emphasized as desirable or expected credentials for full commitment to professional careers in many fields (e.g., not only in business administration and public administration, but also in fields such as social work, nursing, and education where the appropriate degree for professional entry was once the baccalaureate), and the master's degree—usually, but not always, the master of public administration (MPA)—is becoming the recognized degree for those who aspire to careers in public administration. It should be remembered, though, that public organizations and activities cover virtually the whole spectrum of contemporary specialities and that the educational background and specialties of public administrators therefore reflect this diversity.

As modern and contemporary public administration evolved, it tended to develop a more or less regular set of subfields, approaches, and topical interests. These generally have to do either with the functional and technical specializations of public administration, with specific methods and approaches, or with the phenomena of specific locales and issue areas of public administration.

Thus, public administration has some subfields which deal with concerns which, in one form or another, have been part of the field since its earliest days. Budget and finance (how to provide, handle, and account for material resources), personnel (the policies and management of human resources), planning, operations management, organizational design and management, communications and communications systems, record-keeping, accounting of various kinds, reporting of various kinds and for a variety of purposes and clientele, internal and external public relations, and a host of similar concerns constitute some of the technical and functional foci of the field. In addition to these, there are various

concerns dealing with the environment and context of administration: the constitutional and legal context; the context of the political, economic, and societal structure, requirements, and processes; the values, history, traditions, and habits of the society and its components; the values, history, requirements, and processes of the organizations, programs, and components of specific relevance at any given time; and many other such factors (as well as their interrelationships).

There are also specializations and foci having to do with the specific form and level at which administration occurs: international administration; national administration; federal/confederal administration; state/province administration; district/department/sector administration; city, county, and local administration; inter-governmental and interorganizational administration; "not for profit" administration; and so forth. Issue areas present other topics and specializations: police, fire, schools, military, medical, environmental, technology and technology transfer, science and scientific applications, government-business-industry cooperation, and a host of other specific concerns spawn

New Words and Expressions

interrelationship *n.* 相互关系

confederal [kən'fedərəl] *adj.*

联盟的

inter-governmental *adj.* 政府间的

的

inter-organizational *adj.* 组织间的

的

spawn [spɔ:n] *vt.* 产生

matrix ['meitriks] *n.* 矩阵

Additional Expressions

a host of 许多, 一大群

a matter of 大约, 大概

account for 说明

as though 好像, 仿佛

call...into question 对……表示怀疑

come under attack 遭抨击

deal with 安排, 处理; 涉及; 做生意

developmental stage 发展阶段

government-business-industry cooperation 政府与商业和工业的合作

have to do with 与……有关

in addition to 除……之外

in one form or another 以各种形式

in some sense 在某种意义上

more or less 或多或少

new left 新左派

on the increase 正在增长

over time 随着时间的过去

refer to *sb. [sth.] as* 称某人[物]为

refer to 查阅; 提到, 谈到; 打听

take into account 重视, 考虑

the civil rights movement 民权运动

Vietnam War activism 越战激进主义

specializations of knowledge, application, training, and experience.

When one realizes that all these (and many more) can be viewed as components of a huge matrix where any one (or more) can be related to any other one (or more), the complexity and variety of the field of public administration is suggested.

Exercises

I.

Vocabulary

- A. Fill in the blanks in the following 10 sentences by using the words given on the list. Change the forms of the words where necessary to fit the context. Use each word only once; not all of the words on the list will be used.

lead mitigate accompany exacerbate cover convey constitute aspire view
identify recognize function spawn undergo augment

1. This simple definition _____ the essence of public administration and probably covers the vast majority of activities and concerns of contemporary public administration.
2. This belief and related understandings have _____ to significant public administration attention to policy and policy process.
3. In general, though, public administration still _____ as the umbrella term throughout the world, though it must be realized that the term implies a broader range of concerns and activities than the narrow meaning of management or administration may convey.
4. It is usual also to _____ the early years of U.S. public administration with scientific management, a school of thought largely attributed to Frederick Winslow Taylor (1856-1915) which emphasized a task analysis and efficiency approach to management.
5. In the United States and elsewhere, many of these developments were _____ by significant critiques of public administration.
6. In the last couple of decades, this had been _____ by tremendous technological developments