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### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The course aims at providing information useful to understand the main theoretical issues about efficiency and effectiveness of public policies and their quantitative and qualitative features, in Italy and also in a comparative perspective. Special attention will be paid to the evolution of the role of the public sector, to decentralization issues and to the economic effects of corruption.

The course, through the analysis of official documents and reports, also aims at providing tools to evaluate the effects on efficiency and equity of different models of public intervention, of spending review reforms, of the Italian federalist evolution and of anti-corruption policies.

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### DETAILED COURSE CONTENT

Quantitative and qualitative features of public intervention policies in Italy, in a comparative perspective, with a focus on the European Union. Efficiency and equity of public spending. From direct public production to public regulation. The independent authorities: theoretical aspects and experiences. Models of spending review and the Italian experience. Economic theories of fiscal federalism. Evolution of decentralization in Italy, with specific reference to municipalities. The model of intergovernmental grants based on standard expenditure needs. Intergovernmental fiscal coordination. Economic analysis of corruption. Measurement of corruption in a comparative perspective. Efficient and effective policies to contrast corruption.

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## TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

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<http://econweb.umd.edu/~oates/research/2ndgenerationfiscalfederalism.pdf>
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9. SOSE, *Nota illustrativa di accompagnamento alle note metodologiche: Determinazione dei fabbisogni standard per le Funzioni di polizia locale dei Comuni (FC02U) Determinazione dei fabbisogni standard per le Funzioni nel campo dello sviluppo economico, servizi del mercato del lavoro, delle Province (FP06U)in* , 2012  
[http://www.mef.gov.it/ministero/commissioni/copaff/documenti/nota\\_illustrativa\\_fabbisogni\\_standard\\_28-06-2012.pdf](http://www.mef.gov.it/ministero/commissioni/copaff/documenti/nota_illustrativa_fabbisogni_standard_28-06-2012.pdf)
10. D. LEDERMAN - N. LOAYZA - R. REIS SOARES, "Accountability and Corruption: Political Institutions Matter", World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 2708, 2001.  
[http://www-wds.worldbank.org/servlet/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2001/12/17/000094946\\_01120404004589/Rendered/PDF/multi0page.pdf](http://www-wds.worldbank.org/servlet/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2001/12/17/000094946_01120404004589/Rendered/PDF/multi0page.pdf)
11. N. FIORINO - E. GALLI, *La corruzione in Italia. Un'analisi economica*, Il Mulino, 2013

Additional references may be suggested during classes

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