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MSc Public Policy & MSc Comparative Public Policy

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Agenda

- The Social Policy subject area
- Introducing the MSc Public Policy
- Introducing the MSc Comparative Public Policy
- Questions



Public Policy & Comparative Public Policy MSc

- The Social Policy subject area is home to the Public Policy and Comparative Public Policy MSc degrees
- Research led teaching drawing on high-quality, multi- and inter- disciplinary policy research.
- We engage with various social and public policy areas, including: labour market, health, education, skills, social security.
- Ranked 13th amongst the world's "Social Policy and Administration" departments in the 2025 QS World University Ranking.
- Ranked 4th in UK for quality and breadth of our policy research by the Times Higher in 2025
 - you can find us here - <https://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/social-policy>



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Dr Mark Hellowell Develops Health Markets Management Course with World Bank

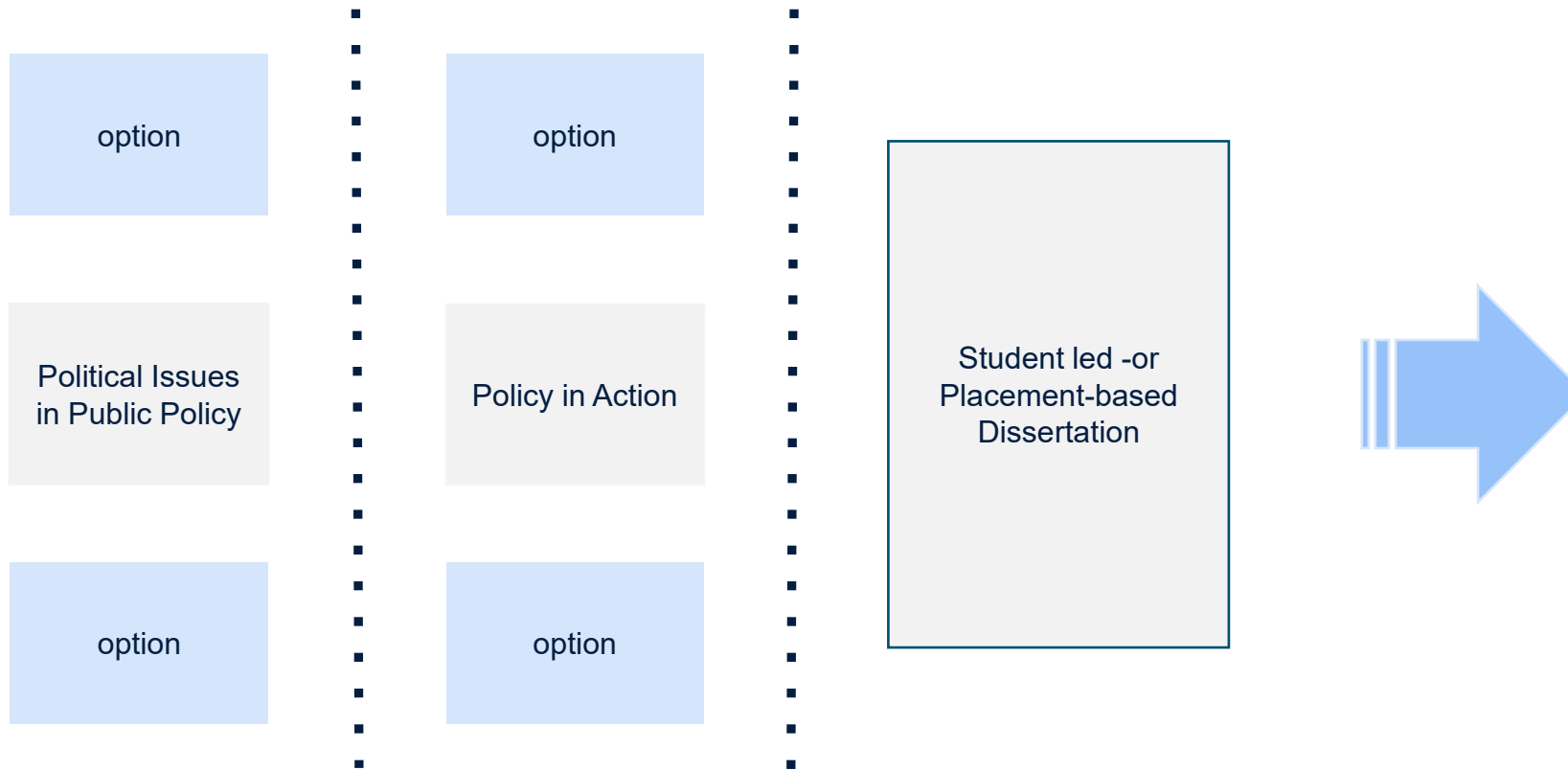
The University of Edinburgh and the World Bank are collaborating on a training programme to improve the way that policymakers and development agencies manage markets in health products and services.



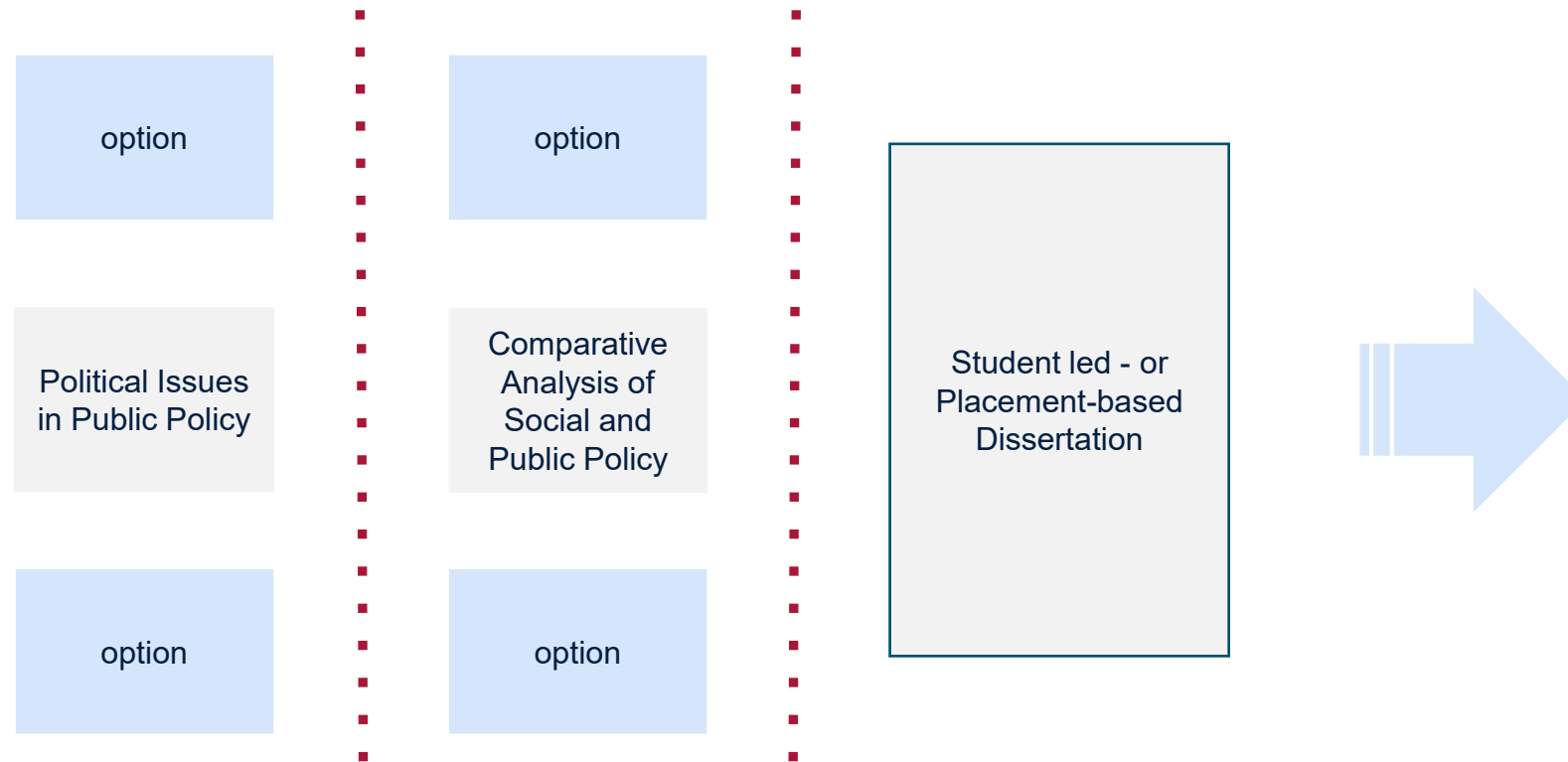
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Public Policy at a glance



Comparative Public Policy at a glance



Examples of some of the options courses

- European Social Policy
- Global Politics of Public Health
- Labour Market Policy: International and Comparative Perspectives
- Economic issues in public policy
- Eco-Social Policy
- Energy Policy and Politics
- Global Environmental Politics
- Institutions and Policies of the European Union
- International Political Economy
- Population Health and Health Policy
- Public Engagement in Policymaking and Governance
- Social Determinants of Health and Public Policy
- Research Skills in the Social Sciences: Data Collection
- Core quantitative data analysis
- Statistical Modelling in the Social Sciences
- Multilevel Modelling in the Social Sciences



Dissertation

- Student led 'desk based' major piece of independent research
 - You decide - subject, method and research question.

Examples from past dissertation projects

- Examining the political feasibility of a Universal Basic Income in the UK
- Path dependence and family policy in China
- The policy success and failure of education policy in Hungary
- Comparing family policy expansion in Germany and Japan.

- 'Placement based' dissertation
 - A project determined by external organisation
 - Application based and competitive process.
 - Details in autumn & decision in February.
- Some examples of past participating organisations:
 - European Trade Union Institute
 - Joseph Rowntree Foundation
 - Finnish Centre for Pensions
 - David Hume Institute
 - YouthLink Scotland



Participate in the subject area life



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Next steps...

<https://virtualvisits.ed.ac.uk/pg>



<https://edin.ac/student-chat-pg>



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Contact details for follow-up questions

- We apologise if we did not get through all of your questions in the time allotted for this session.
 - If you have further questions that have not been answered, or for general admissions questions please email PGT admissions: futurestudents@ed.ac.uk
- Alternatively, if you have a specific academic query you can contact the Programme Directors
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Thank you

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