

Objectives of Seminar on Evidence-based Policy

To present a theory and model of policy formulation that gives adequate weight to technical evidence and logic.

To give participants some tools to apply when assailed by invalid theories, disserviceable world views or 'alternative facts'.

'Disserviceable' for a world view or policy is gauged by whether it is conducive to the public interest.

Public interest is (or should be) the benchmark for policy and politics.

'Public interest' is a normative concept, not a scientific one. The search for public interest bridges philosophy, science, policy and politics.