

Session 10: Infrastructure Delivery

-Discussion Questions-

Key Questions

- What are the differences between public and private delivery of infrastructure? What types/stages of infrastructure would be better delivered by one mode (or its variations) than the other (or its variations)? In the project for your term paper, what is the primary delivery mode?
- Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in infrastructure has been widely applied around the world since 1990s. What are the advantages of PPP over traditional public or private delivery? Flexible and innovative as it is, PPP is not without problems. What are the risks/disadvantages to the public partner, to the private partner, and to the society as a whole?
- (Open question) Relate what we have discussed in the past two sessions with readings for this session. The choices made in infrastructure financing, funding, and delivery have much to do with the characteristics of the infrastructure in question (for example, is it marketable or not). Moreover, each choice comes with certain trade-offs (for example, more private resources versus less public control). Use the project for your term paper as an example; analyze how the infrastructure is best provided via a certain financing, funding, and delivery mode. How are the tradeoffs associated with certain choices accepted in the political and economic context of the country you examine?

Specific questions on each article:

Canada West Foundation: New Tools for New Times

- What are the differences between privatization and corporatization?

Grimsey: Public private partnerships: the worldwide revolution in infrastructure

- What are the differences in PPP models, definitions and perceptions across different regions of the world?
- Present the arguments on both sides for whether the government or the private sector can finance infrastructure projects more cheaply.
- When does PPP offer a good value for money?

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