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## The Role of Analogical Reasoning in Domestic and Foreign Policymaking

By Dr. David P. Haughton

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*In recent years a large literature has appeared on the role of analogical reasoning – the use of historical analogies as a cognitive aid to decision-making – in the field of foreign policy analysis, a body of work to which the author has contributed. This literature has been inspired mainly by research drawn from cognitive and social psychology, and most of all perhaps by the bounded rationality tradition of scholars like Herbert Simon. However, the application of analogical reasoning to domestic (as opposed to foreign policy) cases is still in its infancy. This talk suggests that the application of cognitive models to domestic policy analysis is long overdue, and that we can expect such approaches to bear fruit in domestic situations (such as major crises like Hurricane Katrina and the Detroit riots of the 1960s) which in many ways ‘mimic’ the cognitive demands placed on decision-makers confronting foreign policy situations.*

Dr. David Houghton is currently an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Central Florida. His most recent books are *U.S. Foreign Policy and the Iran Hostage Crisis* (Cambridge University Press, 2001), *Controversies in American Politics and Society* (Blackwell, 2002, co-authored with David McKay and Andrew Wroe) and *Political Psychology: Situations, Individuals, and Cases* (Routledge, 2008). His area of expertise is decision-making in international relations, with a particular focus on American foreign policy and foreign policy analysis. He has published articles in journals such as the *British Journal of Political Science*, *Political Psychology*, *Security Studies*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *Policy Sciences*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Peace and Conflict* and *International Politics*. He has also taught at the Universities of Pittsburgh and Essex, and from 2001 to 2002 was a Visiting Scholar at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies at the Ohio State University.

