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***Permanent Study Group XVIII:  
Justice and Court Administration***

***Call-for-Papers***

## EGPA Permanent Study Group XVIII on Justice and Court Administration

### 1. Aim of the Permanent Study Group XVIII on Justice and Court Administration

The study group offers an international and multidisciplinary platform to discuss justice administration research, policies, and projects related to the functioning of courts, public prosecution agencies, and other organizations in the justice field.

The study group wants to function as a platform, where research, experiences and practices of organization development, policy development, and policy implementation in the justice field can be exchanged and discussed. For researchers it should help them to develop research ideas and projects, for persons working in the justice field the study group is an opportunity to be informed on the latest developments in their field and to influence the development of research. The purpose of all this is to build bridges between national perspectives, and to build a transnational professional community in the EU and beyond, involving both academics and practitioners (judges, prosecutors, court managers).

### 2. Call for papers - 2021

You may submit papers on all subjects concerning the administration and the management of justice with a broad perspective, also dealing with methodological issues in justice research and studies, especially:

- **Justice administration and politics:** Constitutional designs of the judiciaries in relation to the political system; supervision and inspection in justice administration; councils for the judiciary; courts' agencies; independence, autonomy and accountability; justice systems as a policy domain; economic approaches to court administration; selection, training and discipline of judges, prosecutors, and courts' staff; the relation between courts and politics.
- **Justice administration and society:** access to justice; courts in society; lay judges and public trust; juries in judicial administration; internationalization of law and society and the organization of transnational judicial cooperation; ethics in justice administration; the role of courts in macro-economics; emotions in courts; victims' support programs.
- **Management of courts:** organization development in courts; organization, resource planning in judiciary; appointment and career of judicial personnel, role and function of court presidents and court managers; case-flow management; human resources management; judicial specialization; court management; delay reduction programs; timeframes; judicial budget and allocation of resources; education and training; performance management; courts' statistics; case weighting systems; evaluation methods; quality management; courts' satisfaction surveys.
- **Procedure and judgements:** case-flow management; case assignment; summary procedures; alternative dispute resolutions; pre-trial proceedings and mediation; quality judgements; procedural justice; therapeutic justice.

- **E-Justice:** information and communication technology (ICT); electronic case management systems, videoconferencing; big data; algorithm for justice; artificial intelligence and predictive justice; business intelligence and analytics for justice; social media.
- **COVID-19:** Measures, challenges and opportunities for the judiciary during and after the COVID emergency.

The papers shall have a multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary approach. Papers which contain new theories or hypotheses resulting from projects, studies or surveys are welcome.

If you are not sure if your idea for a paper fits the scope of the Permanent Study Group XVIII, do not hesitate to get in contact with the study group: [egpa@kpm.unibe.ch](mailto:egpa@kpm.unibe.ch)

### **3. Submission of papers and further schedule**

An abstract of the paper should be submitted by **30 April 2021**, at the latest, to the study group via the Conference Management System: <https://www.conftool.org/egpa-conference2021>. If the conference tool should not work, you may also submit the paper directly to the study group: [egpa@kpm.unibe.ch](mailto:egpa@kpm.unibe.ch)

## **Practicalities**

*Important dates:*

- ✓ Deadline for submission of Abstracts: April 30, 2021 – **Extended to May 15, 2021**
- ✓ Deadline for notification to the authors: no later than May 25, 2021
- ✓ Deadline for online submission of full papers: August 10, 2021
- ✓ EGPA 2021 Conference: September 7-10, 2021

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