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***Permanent Study Group XI:
Strategic Management in Government***

Call-for-Papers

EGPA Permanent Study Group XI on Strategic Management in Government

The next EGPA Conference in September 2021 is in Brussels and takes place from 7th to 10th September 2021. Participation will be in hybrid mode.

Each year at the annual EGPA conference the Permanent Study Group on Strategic Management in Government has a series of sessions discussing research, theory and practice. Its members have been meeting on a yearly basis since 2009, when the Study Group was set up by EGPA. If you wish to take part in the 2021 EGPA Conference, you will be very welcome. Please register for the conference, which you can do through the conference website.

The conference website is: <https://www.egpa-conference2021.org/>

If you wish to present your own paper in one of the Permanent Study Group's sessions at the conference, please upload an abstract outlining your proposed conference paper. This may be done through the conference website – the deadline for uploading your abstract will be April 30th, 2021.

Possible themes for your paper and details of what to include in your abstract are presented below.

Study Group conference sessions have three main themes this year:

Theme 1: Theories of strategic management in the public sector

Theme 2: Public sector strategic management in practice

Theme 3: Strategic leadership in the public sector

We are suggesting the following ideas for third theme:

1. The importance of strategic leadership in whole-of-government and whole-of-society responses to the global partnership to deliver the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.
2. How strategic leaders create and sustain effective public sector organisations (including governments at national or sub-national levels).
3. Strategic leadership's role in creating agile and responsive public sector organisations.
4. The main competencies of strategic leaders in the public sector.
5. Attempts by strategic leaders to use experimental strategic planning to cope with complexity.
6. Strategic leadership's contribution to effective emergency management (e.g., in pandemics).

Submitting your proposal :

Please draft your proposal as an abstract of approximately 300-400 words to include:

1. Your name and organization (university, government organization, etc.)
2. The theme (s) of your proposed paper
3. The key questions, hypotheses, propositions, etc. you are considering
4. The nature of your research (e.g. case study, interview data, comparative study, experiment)

5. Your data/evidence and key findings (or what you expect your key findings will be)
6. A discussion of the theoretical implications of your research and/or the practical applications of your conclusions (e.g. management/policy recommendation/suggestions)

Please upload your proposal via the conference management system, which is:

<https://www.conftool.org/egpa-conference2021>

Special Issue of Administrative Sciences

There is a special issue of Administrative Sciences (ISSN 2076-3387) being prepared and papers presented and discussed in the Study Group's conference sessions might be suitable for the special issue.

Administrative Sciences is an open access journal and the title of the Special Issue is: "Leadership in the Public Sector: From an International Perspective"

Administrative Sciences is an international peer-reviewed open access quarterly journal published by MDPI.

The paper you present at the conference can be submitted to the journal as a manuscript for consideration. It should not have been published previously, nor be under consideration for publication elsewhere (except conference proceedings papers). All manuscripts are thoroughly refereed through a single-blind peer-review process. A guide for authors and other relevant information for submission of manuscripts is available on the Instructions for Authors page. The publishers, MDPI, also provide an English editing service prior to publication or during author revisions.

The Permanent Study Group

We are always delighted to welcome new people to join us in our debates and dialogues at the annual conference. We are open to all who seek to study strategy, strategizing, strategic planning and strategic management in government and the wider public sector. We are a friendly group and have people taking part who have been involved for many years coming from a variety of European countries (e.g. Belgium, Finland, France, Italy, Norway, UK ...) and adopt a variety of research methods (quantitative, qualitative, conceptual...). We are keen to promote and support international and comparative research.

There are opportunities to contribute to study group projects – such as edited books and special issues of journals – and to EGPA policy papers. Members of the Study Group have access to opportunities for publishing books and journal articles through a book series that EGPA's parent body (IIAS) offers with Palgrave Macmillan and through IRAS, an international journal published by IIAS in partnership with SAGE.

The Study Group has worked continuously since 2009, producing three books and was responsible for a Special Issue of Public Money and Management which was published in 2020. Papers presented at

the Study Group have recently been published in top journals such as Public Administration Review and Public Management Review.

Practicalities

Important dates:

- ✓ Deadline for submission of Abstracts: April 30, 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

EGPA 2021 Conference Website: <https://www.egpa-conference2021.org/>

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