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***EU Administration and Multilevel Governance***

***Call-for-Papers***

## EGPA Permanent Study Group XIV on EU Administration and Multilevel Governance

The Permanent Study Group XIV on EU Administration and Multilevel Governance invites papers for the next EGPA Annual Conference in Brussels, on September 7-10, 2021.

Over the years, the EU has moved from a largely elite-led diplomatic project to a system of multilevel governance, in which member states share policy-making with supranational institutions and has become contested among political elites and the public alike. Since the early 2000s, we have witnessed increasing public contention over European matters in election campaigns and party and media discourse. The shift in the power balance between national governments and supranational institutions started to influence the attitudes and behaviour of political parties and ordinary citizens. The deep economic and political interdependence in Europe becomes vividly clear in times of crisis (e.g. COVID-19, migration, the Eurozone crisis). Even to the least politically aware, rifts can be seen from North to South about questions of redistribution of resources and power, and from East to West about the core values underlying the European project.

The integration of previously closed national administrative systems into a larger multilevel system raises a host of theoretical, empirical, practical and normative questions. We welcome papers of high quality that seek to understand the evolving structures, actors and processes of EU multilevel decision-making and administration. In doing so, we invite both empirical approaches that document and explain the dynamics of the EU multilevel administrative system, but also approaches that focus on their (normative) implications. In doing so, we focus on institutional aspects of multi-level governance (e.g. the European Commission, the Court of Auditors, the ECB, EU agencies, network governance) as well as on processes of decision-making, policy transfer, accountability, transparency, implementation, transposition, and linkages between member state and EU administrative actors – in the context of integration, disintegration, representation and democratic legitimacy.

Whilst the focus of the study group is on the multilevel administration of the EU, it does, however, for comparative purposes invite innovative research on other types of multilevel systems, including federal policies or regional and global organisations.

The PSG is committed to advance both theoretical conceptualisations of multilevel administrations and thorough empirical analyses in order to advance the area of research and the understanding about complex administrative processes and organisation. Comparative perspectives on change over time or between different systems and/or approaches are particularly welcomed.

### Best paper prize

The Permanent Study Group on EU Administration and Multi-Level Governance will award a Best Paper Prize for the best paper delivered during the sessions of the group.

## Practicalities

### *Abstract format*

We welcome abstracts (500 words maximum) to address one of the issues mentioned above. Please submit your paper proposals via EGPA 2021 Conference Management System.

### *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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