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Permanent Study Group XXII:

Behavioural Public Administration

Call-for-Papers

EGPA Permanent Study Group XXII on Behavioural Public Administration

2021 theme: Connecting Behavioral Public Administration and Government Coping with Natural Disaster

The study group's strategic aim is to explore the micro-foundations of public services from both the supply (e.g., public employees and organizational models) and the demand side (e.g., citizens and clients). The key theme of the 2021 meeting will be on how behavioral insights have actually informed or may inform governments' short and long-term responses to COVID-19 and other natural disasters, and how such lens may allow us to make sense, ex-post, of successful versus failed responses. Papers responding to this theme may relate to variation and explanation of citizens' attitudes and behaviors in response to divergent emergency policies and instruments and over time. They may also seek to depict and explain competition versus collaborative efforts across nations and government units or national levels, and between governments, civic society and business. More generally, we welcome studies that link behaviorally-informed public administration to analysis of governments' handling of the COVID-19 pandemic or other disasters, as well as analysis of key changes to public administration in the aftermath of the current pandemic. Also welcome in this regard are papers that link the study of regulation, compliance and behavioral perspectives.

Next to this particular yearly theme, we invite theory-based and/or rigorous empirical contributions about other substantive and methodological topics with a clear link between the behavioral sciences and public administration. Examples may include (but are not limited to):

- Citizen-state interactions and administrative burdens in the public sector and their changing nature given technological change and the increasing move to on-line platforms and services;
- Bureaucratic discrimination, inter alia on the basis of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, and their intersectionality.
- The effects of citizens-state interactions, administrative burdens and actual or perceived bureaucratic discrimination and maltreatment for citizens' trust, cooperation and democratic values and behaviors.
- Citizens' and politicians' performance evaluation of government agencies;
- Judgment and decision-making in public organizations;
- Administrative reforms and their effects on citizens and civil servants;
- The use of behavioral science to change behavior of citizens and professionals, including but not limited to nudges;
- The use of behavioral science to other key public administration themes, including but not limited to governance networks, strategic management, HRM and leadership, street-level bureaucracy, bureaucratic reputation, representative bureaucracy, performance management and more;
- Methodological contributions to study Behavioral Public Administration, including but not limited to particular methods (experiments, interviews, ethnography, document analysis, administrative data, mixed-methods, text mining) and meta-science (lab studies, replications, prospective meta-analyses);

The meetings of the permanent study group will be used to develop a joint research program on the topic of Behavioral Public Administration, including international publication opportunities. We will also hold a keynote talk by (TBA) on this year's main theme.

Abstract length: max. 300 words, including references. Clearly link to Behavioral Public Administration, and if possible (but not needed) to this year's theme

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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

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