

# NEWSLETTER

2018 EGPA Conference

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## Annual Conference of the EUROPEAN GROUP FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

LAUSANNE | SWITZERLAND

3-7 SEPTEMBER 2018

### The 2018 EGPA Conference is approaching!

We would like to draw your attention to the three plenary sessions/panels organized on:

**Thursday, 6 September 2018 from 11.30 am to 01.00pm.**

- **Plenary Session 1: Coordination challenges in advanced welfare states**

#### Description of the Panel

Coordination has emerged as policy problem in advanced welfare states. As a result of recent welfare state transformation, the fragmentation of welfare state governance is increasingly critically discussed, with respect to both horizontal and vertical fragmentation.

On the horizontal dimension, the paradigm shift towards ideas of activation and social investment calls for innovative coordination practices. While traditional welfare governance is structured along social risks – unemployment, invalidity, old age security etc. – social problems such as unemployment are today considered as ‘wicked issues’ that require the involvement of different actors and close cooperation.

On the vertical dimension, too, the division of responsibilities – well known in federalist countries such as Germany or Switzerland – is considered problematic since it creates bypass structures, marshalling yards and major obstacles for encompassing reforms.

The panel starts with two introductory notes on coordination challenges in recent welfare state governance. Tanja Klenk will focus on horizontal coordination; taking the Swiss welfare state as an example, Giuliano Bonoli will talk about federalism as a coordination challenge for advanced welfare states.

Together with the chairs of the permanent study group on Welfare State Governance and Professionalism, we will then discuss about innovative coordination mechanisms that avoid cost-shifting practices and enable integrated service delivery.

### Programme

Introduction by Prof. Dr. Elio BORGONOVİ, Bocconi University

#### *Speakers:*

Prof. Dr. Tanja KLENK – HSU Hamburg

Prof. Giuliano BONOLI – IDHEAP – UNIL Lausanne

**Location:** IDHEAP AULA

## • Plenary Session 2: Direct Democracy

### Description of the Panel

Direct democracy is one of the pillars of the Swiss political system and some authors even claim that it is key for the country's political stability and its well-functioning administration.

In this panel, we will discuss the threats and opportunities of giving citizens the possibility to decide on political issues. On the one side, this may lead to decisions, which are not acceptable for the political elite and support claims of populists, on the other side; it can increase the legitimacy of a political system and has a positive impact on political participation or citizens' satisfaction with public services.

The panel starts with an introductory note on direct democracy in Switzerland on both the national and the local level. Andreas Gross, a former member of the Swiss Parliament and the Council of Europe, will talk about his experiences while using the means of direct democracy (for example to abolish the Swiss army) and promoting them around the world

We will then discuss with the chairs of the permanent study group on Local Governance and Democracy to what extent good governance should rely on more direct democracy, be it as a form of integrating citizens in deciding or planning, be it as an ideal form of participatory budgeting.

### Programme

Introduction by Prof Dr. Andreas LADNER – IDHEAP- UNIL Lausanne

#### *Speakers:*

Mr. Andreas (Andi) GROSS – Leading Expert on Direct Democracy – Former member of the Swiss House of Representatives

Prof Dr Jochen FRANZKE, University of Potsdam – Germany - – Chair of PSG IV on Local Governance and Democracy

**Location:** ANTH 1129

• **Plenary Session 3: Round Table IGPDE-EGPA's French Speaking Seminar (2): Enablers of innovation in public organizations: Feedbacks from senior civil servants in Swiss and French administrations/ Les ressorts de l'innovation au sein des organisations publiques: quels leviers activer et quels pièges éviter? Retour d'expérience de hauts fonctionnaires engagés dans l'innovation**

**Description of the Round Table**

Organized with the support of the Institute for public management and economic development (IGPDE), French Ministries of Economy and Finance, Paris, France and the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP), Lausanne, Switzerland.

The panelists have all, through various initiatives, actively contributed to the development of innovation within public organizations. They will share their experiences with us for better understanding the dynamics of innovation in the public sector.

**Programme**

*Speakers :*

Mme Virginie MADELIN, Directrice Générale de l'IGPDE, France

Mme Anja WYDEN GUELPA, Fondatrice et directrice de CivicLab, ancienne Chancelière d'Etat de la République et Canton de Genève, Suisse

M. Yannick GIRAULT, Directeur de Cap Numérique, Direction Générale des Finances Publiques, France

*Moderators :*

Dr. Marcel GUENOUN, Directeur de la Recherche (Director of research), IGPDE, France

Pr. Yves EMERY, IDHEAP, Université de Lausanne, Suisse

Mme Virginie MA-DUPONT, Chargée d'études internationales (Research analyst), IGPDE, France

## PUBLICATIONS

### JUST PUBLISHED!

*Public Administration in Europe: The Contribution of EGPA (Palgrave, 2018, E. Ongaro, ed.)*

This book considers the ways in which public administration (PA) has been studied in Europe over the last forty years, and examines in particular the contribution of EGPA, the European Group for Public Administration, both to the growth of a truly pan-European PA, and to the future of PA in Europe. The book provides a lively reflection on the state of the art of PA both over the past forty years and over the next forty years. It reflects on the consolidation and institutionalisation of EGPA as the European community for the study of PA in Europe, and demonstrates the need for such a regional group for PA in Europe, as well as for regional groups for the study of PA in other parts of the world. The book also demonstrates the functional, cultural and institutional reasons that underpin the significance of a regional group for researching and studying PA at an 'intermediate level of governance' between the national and the global levels. The book provides rich insights about the state of the art of PA in Europe from the leading public administration scholars.

Have a look and order at : <https://www.palgrave.com/gb/book/9783319928555>

## WEBSITE

2018 EGPA Conference Webpage: <https://www.egpa-conference2018.org/>

## PROGRAMME

2018 EGPA Conference Programme and papers:

<https://www.conftool.com/egpa2018/sessions.php>

Please note that to access to the detailed programme and especially the papers, you have to log in with your credentials at: <https://www.conftool.com/egpa2018> and go to:

Browse Conference Agenda > Overview and details of the event program.

## REGISTRATION

Still time to JOIN US in Lausanne!

For those of you not registered yet, you can register online at:

<https://www.conftool.com/egpa2018>

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

All the practical information are available online at the following link :

<https://www.egpa-conference2018.org/logistical.html>

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