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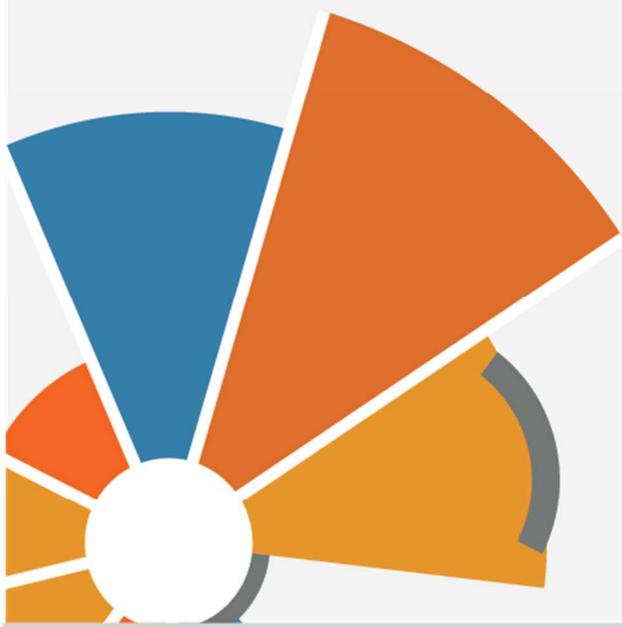en administration publique

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CALL FOR PAPERS

EGPA Permanent Study Group I on: e-Government

Governing Smart Cities

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The 2018 Annual Conference of the European Group for Public Administration will be held in Lausanne, Switzerland from 5 to 7 September 2018. The Conference is being organised in collaboration with IDHEAP, the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration.

For 2018, we are requesting (1) abstracts for papers relating to the meeting theme of governing smart cities, and (2) those drawing on current research which is relevant to the interests of this Permanent Study Group on e-Government.

Themed Sessions: Governing Smart Cities

In 2018, we will host dedicated themed panel sessions of the Study Group for papers examining the governance of contemporary smart cities. Whilst concepts and approaches associated with e-Government and the smart city appear to be focussed on delivering better services, they differ markedly, with the former focussing on the administrative and enhanced use of ICTs and the latter on creating an environment for innovation and radical new ways of using data, including data emanating from social media. The evolution from e-Government to smart city services implies an even greater emphasis on the use of data, which in turn is intended to lead to better policy and decision-making, as well as enhanced service provision. Alongside this subtle but significant shift in the way data is used has been has been a transformation in the way services are conceived, commissioned, organised, delivered and governed, with a far greater involvement of the private sector and greater use of commercial data practices. The smart city environment includes a range of diverse stakeholders and partnerships, including public agencies, private companies, civil society, academia and individual citizens and consequently traditional governance practices are evolving

For the dedicated panel session of the Study Group, we are especially interested in papers that examine the ways in which these new smart city environments are governed and the ways in which smart city governance arrangements are evolving with the development of new smart technologies.

Questions for consideration include:

- Are new forms of governance emerging around smart cities?
- To what extent are new governance arrangements dependent upon new smart technologies
- What is the impact on and experience of stakeholders?
- Do new governance arrangements include new forms of participation?
- How has the role of the private sector evolved?
- How has public policy and practice changed with the emergent of smart technologies?
- Have traditional concepts of transparency, accountability and stewardship been challenged in this new era?
- What are the barriers to delivering the effective governance of smart cities?

For these dedicated sessions of the Study Group, we are looking for theoretical and critical papers, as well as case studies, exploring aspects of smart city governance. Our intention is to collect the papers together for a special issue of the journal *Information Polity*, to be published in 2019.

General Sessions: Papers on e-government

For those who may be new to the group, please note that it is not necessary to address the workshop theme in your submission. This Permanent Study group is a podium for broad discussion about e-Government with a specific interest on the administrative, political and organizational aspects of service delivery. Papers on other topics in the broad area of e-Government, ICT in public administration and e-democracy, and on your current research in these areas are welcome.

Publication of Papers

We aim to bring a collection of papers, around the theme of Governing Smart Cities, together for a special issue of *Information Polity* in 2019. Papers not relating to this theme may also be published in *Informatiion Polity*, as well as in the Electronic Journal of e-Government and in the *International Review of Administrative Sciences*. Subject to editorial review, the best paper from the conference will be fast-tracked for publication in Information Polity.

Further Information

Up to date information on the workshop, as it becomes available, will be mailed to you directly.

The Conference Website: www.egpa-conference2018.org

As for last year, submissions should preferably be uploaded directly to the EGPA site, but if you are having problems with the EGPA site, you can mail your abstract directly to any of the Co-Directors (see below) if you wish.

As in previous years, we will try to organise our time so as to maximize our opportunities to reflect on and discuss papers in depth. The EGPA Study Group on e-Government is dedicated

to providing the strongest possible discussion forum for both established and new scholars in this field and to give a good opportunity for scholars to present new ideas and have those ideas discussed and debated by their peers.

PhD Symposium

There will be a PhD symposium on the two days preceding the conference (3rd and 4th of September). As this is organized by EGPA and not by our Group, a separate call will be sent out for this. As in previous years, participants in the PhD symposium can choose to present in the seminar only or both in the symposium and (subject to acceptance) in the main study group meeting. After a plenary session, the symposium breaks into smaller groups which are clustered around topics. If we have sufficient e-government or related PhD students, we can form our own group.

Acceptance

This call is for abstracts or proposals. In keeping with Study Group aims, the co-conveners will be looking for a number of key features in proposals for papers. These features are as follows:

- Abstracts should show evidence of arguments that authors will make in the proposed paper;
- The papers should show evidence of innovative and creative thinking which is well grounded in theory or well argued;
- Reflective/theoretical papers should preferably be related, even if indirectly, to the workshop theme, but this is not mandatory;
- For empirically based papers, adherence to the workshop theme is less important, but there should be evidence of new findings from research being undertaken;
- Innovative case studies are also welcome.

Abstracts should be no more than 500 words long and include full contact details.

In all cases there should be evidence that the proposed paper emerges from contemporary debate within the public administration sphere, broadly defined.

Key Deadlines

- ✓ Proposals should be uploaded through the submission website by April 18,2018
- ✓ Deadline for decision and selection of the accepted papers by the co-chairs: and notification to the Authors : May 9, 2018
- ✓ Deadline for submitting the complete papers: August16, 2018

Papers should ideally have a maximum length of about 8000 words and should be submitted in PDF or Microsoft Word or RTF format. We will be asking some lucky participants to act as discussants for each of the presented papers. Discussants provide a further stimulus to valuable discussion on each of the papers presented.

Please note that the co-chairs wish to encourage new scholars as well as existing scholars in the field to contribute to the Study Group. The group is open to new members and we would

ask senior members of the group to encourage younger colleagues and PhD students to consider submitting proposals.

Practicalities

Please submit your abstract online through the Conference Website www.egpa-conference2018.org or directly through Conference Management System: https://www.conftool.com/egpa2018

Practical information on the EGPA 2018 conference can be found at: www.egpa-conference2018.org

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