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## CALL FOR PAPERS



## EGPA Permanent Study Group XVIII on: Justice and Court Administration

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#### 1. Aim of the Permanent Study Group XVIII on Justice and Court Administration

The study group offers an international and multidisciplinary platform to discuss justice administration policies, projects, and studies related to the functioning of courts, public prosecution agencies, and other organizations in the justice field.

The study group wants to function as a platform, where experiences and practices of organization development, policy development, policy implementation, and research in the justice field can be exchanged and discussed. For researchers it should help them to develop research projects and for persons working in the justice field the study group is an opportunity to be informed on the latest developments in their field and to influence the development of research. The scope of all this is to build bridges between national perspectives and to build a transnational professional community in the EU and beyond, involving both academics and practitioners (judges, prosecutors, court managers). The ultimate aim is to explore common ground for cooperation and exchange in Europe in the justice field amongst policymakers, managers and academics.

Whilst we keep an interest in the institutional developments within court and justice administration, both in national, European and international perspectives:

- ✓ Constitutional designs to reinforce the independence of the Judiciary
- ✓ Operations management in and between justice organizations (logistics and organization development in relation to speed of proceedings and reliability of data exchange).
- ✓ Knowledge management for judiciaries.
- ✓ Transnational Justice Cooperation (in Europe).
- ✓ Responsive justice (problem solving justice – subthemes are e.g. victims of crime, court related mediation, neighborhood justice, family issues. etc.).
- ✓ Procedural Justice and outcome justice.
- ✓ Performance measurement and management in courts and in the judiciary.
- ✓ eJustice, eProcess Business analytics for justice, big data application for justice

More information about the Permanent Study Group XVIII on Justice and Court Administration can be found on the Website of EGPA

Some of the results of the activities of the Permanent Study Group XVIII on Justice and Court Administration at the EGPA Annual Conference are published in the International Journal for Court Administration [www.iacajournal.org](http://www.iacajournal.org); the publications of the Swiss project on Justice Management are listed at: [www.justizforschung.ch](http://www.justizforschung.ch)

## 2. The EGPA Annual Conference 2018

The EGPA Annual Conference 2018 takes place from 5 September – 7 September in Lausanne, Switzerland. The Permanent Study Group XVIII on Justice and Court Administration plans 6 sessions of about 90 minutes.

During the Conference, we are going to visit the Federal Supreme Court of Switzerland in Lausanne.

More Information on the EGPA Annual Conference 2018 you can get here:

[www.egpa-conference2018.org](http://www.egpa-conference2018.org)

## 3. Open call for all topics of justice and court management

You may submit papers on all subjects concerning *the administration or the management of justice with a broad perspective*, also dealing with methodological issues in justice research and studies, especially:

- **Justice administration and politics:** Constitutional designs of the Judiciaries in relation to the political system; supervision and inspection in justice administration; councils for the judiciary; independence, autonomy and accountability; justice systems as a policy domain; economic approaches to court administration; financial relations in justice administration; appointments and dismissal of judges and prosecutors; the relation between courts and politics.
- **Justice administration and society:** social problem solving; access to justice; positioning courts in society; lay judges and public trust; the involvement of juries in judicial administration; internationalization of law and society and the organization of transnational judicial cooperation between national justice systems; ethics in justice administration; the role of courts in macro-economics; justice support.
- **Management of courts:** organization development in courts; organization aims and targets in courts; appointment and career of judicial personnel, role and function of court presidents and court managers case-flow management; societal interactions and human resources management; required judicial skills as a function of juridical and societal needs; judicial specialization; cooperation between judges, public prosecutors and court staff, court management, delay reduction programs, timeframes, judicial budget and allocation of resources, education and training; performance management, evaluation methods, quality management, satisfaction surveys.

- **Procedure and judgements:** case-flow management; case assignment; summary procedures; public judgment advice; alternative dispute resolutions; pre-trial proceedings and mediation; process costs, cost/quality relations of judgements; judges, law clerks and judicial assistants, procedural justice
- **E-Justice:** information and communication technology (ICT); big data; justice by algorithm; business analytics for justice; social media.

The papers shall have a multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary approach to the subject dealt with. Papers may as well contain new theories or hypotheses resulting from projects, studies or surveys.

If you are not sure if your idea for a paper fits to the scope of the Permanent Study Group XVIII, do not hesitate to get in contact with the study group: [egpa@kpm.unibe.ch](mailto:egpa@kpm.unibe.ch).

### 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: August 16, 2018
- ✓ Information about the timetable of the study group: 23 August 2018
- ✓ Presentation of the paper at the conference in Lausanne: 5 - 7 September 2018

### Practicalities

Please submit your abstract online through the Conference Website [www.egpa-conference2018.org](http://www.egpa-conference2018.org) or directly through Conference Management System: <https://www.conftool.com/egpa2018>

If the conference tool should not work, you may also submit the paper directly to the study group: [egpa@kpm.unibe.ch](mailto:egpa@kpm.unibe.ch)

Practical information on the EGPA 2018 conference can be found at:

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