

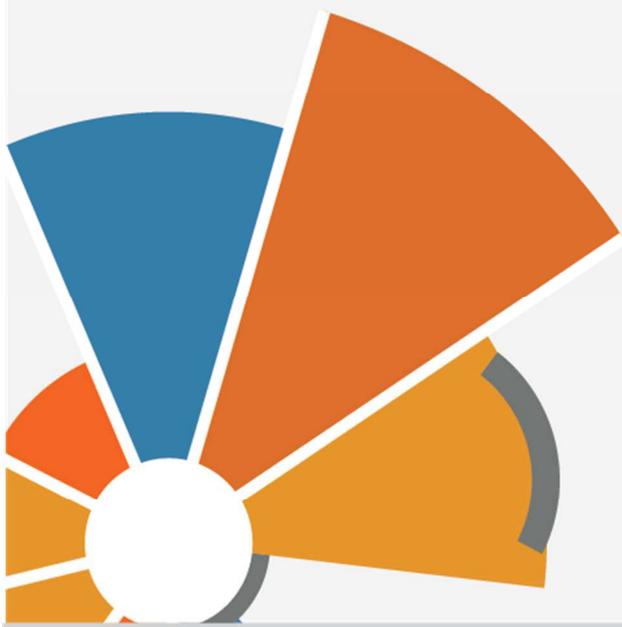


# 2018

Annual Conference of the  
EUROPEAN GROUP FOR  
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

LAUSANNE | SWITZERLAND | 5-7 SEPTEMBER 2018  
PhD SYMPOSIUM | 3-4 SEPTEMBER 2018

## CALL FOR PAPERS



## EGPA Permanent Study Group XXI on: Policy Design and Evaluation

### CALL FOR PAPERS

#### The Call in a nutshell:

- Papers dealing with issues of Policy Design and Evaluation
- Special focus I: Expertise in the Policy Process
- Special focus II: The Policy Process in the Digital Age: Comparative Perspectives (joint session with PSG “Public Policy” and Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis)

We welcome all papers dealing with topics that fit in the study group’s core themes of policy design and evaluation. As in previous years, we are particularly interested in papers dealing with issues of expertise use for policymaking, especially from a comparative perspective, looking at different policy sectors and/or countries.

#### Special focus I: “Expertise in the Policy Process”

Policy problems are experienced to be of an increasingly complex and wicked nature. This has resulted in a higher demand for evidence on causal linkages between inputs, outputs and outcomes, in both the broader policy context and the wider policy environment in which societal problems arise and answers to these problems are to be found. And yet, there is not only such a trend towards professional and interactive policy-making, but more recently, and partly in parallel, ideas of an explicit refusal of expertise and ‘facts-free policymaking’ have been on the rise. This year’s workshop of our Study Group will continue previous years’ special focus on the role of expertise in current policy processes. Aspects that shall be dealt with in the workshop include, but are not limited to the following sub-themes:

- Expertise in policymaking and policy design, including issues such as
  - Practices and patterns of expertise use in policymaking and bureaucracies
  - Applying knowledge-oriented theories of the policy process (e.g. learning)
  - Current case studies of expertise (non-)use

- Policy research and its impact on policymaking
- Developing a mature design and evaluation culture in organisations
- Policy design and evaluation in light of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG)

If we can bring together a sufficient number of papers, the aim is to organise a Special issue at the new international, peer-reviewed journal “Policy Design and Practice”. Papers which address a practitioner audience are particularly invited in view of this planned Special issue.

### Special focus II: “The Policy Process in the Digital Age: Comparative Perspectives”

One workshop session will be dedicated to the theme of “The Policy Process in the Digital Age: Comparative Perspectives” and organised jointly with PSG XIII on “Public Policy” and the *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*. An award will be handed out for the best comparative paper. The session invites papers in the context of patterns, causes and consequences of the multi-dimensional phenomenon of digitalization at the intersection of public policy and public administration. From our workshop’s perspective, papers connecting between expertise and digitalisation are particularly invited.

### 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

### 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>

Practical information on the EGPA 2018 conference can be found at:  
[www.egpa-conference2018.org](http://www.egpa-conference2018.org)

## Co-chairs of Permanent Study Group XXI:

### **Prof Dr Marleen Brans**

KU Leuven – Belgium

[marleen.brans@kuleuven.be](mailto:marleen.brans@kuleuven.be)

### **Ass Prof Dr Valérie Pattyn**

University of Leiden

The Netherlands

[v.e.pattyn@fgga.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:v.e.pattyn@fgga.leidenuniv.nl)

### **Dr Sonja Blum**

Lecturer

University of Hagen

Germany

[sonja.blum@fernuni-hagen.de](mailto:sonja.blum@fernuni-hagen.de)

EGPA Policy Paper on European Governance – Please note that all authors with accepted papers can submit a proposal for an EGPA Policy Paper. For more information, please contact Dr. Fabienne Maron