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CALL FOR PAPERS

EGPA PhD Symposium for Doctoral Students and
Junior Researchers **3-4 September 2018**

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The EGPA PhD Symposium

Mission Statement of EGPA's PhD Project: Why participate?

EGPA's PhD Symposium provides an ideal opportunity for young researchers to immerse themselves in an international and interdisciplinary research community. The symposium is right for you, if you are a doctoral student or junior researcher pursuing research in the broadly defined fields of public administration and public management. You'll be part of an engaged community of your peers and experienced scholars who will share their insights on doing research and also on building an academic and / or professional career.

In particular, as a participant of the symposium **you will have a chance,**

- 1) ... to improve your research skills and to strengthen your background in theoretical and methodological approaches;
- 2) ... to present and test your ideas and research approaches in a "risk-free", yet high-calibre academic setting;
- 3) ... to broaden your academic horizon by putting your research in a comparative and interdisciplinary perspective;
- 4) ... to develop your own publication and resume-building strategies by way of dialogue with established researchers and academics;
- 5) ... to build an international network of young and engaged scholars in the field as a base for future collaborative projects;
- 6) ... to win the EGPA PhD Best Paper Award 2018.

Format and Organization of the 2018 EGPA PhD symposium: What will be offered?

At the heart of the symposium lies **the discussion of your papers in small groups**. The composition of the discussion groups will reflect the plurality of disciplinary and methodological

approaches in the European public administration / management community. Each group will be convened by an established expert in the field.

We will dedicate ample time for in-depth discussion of each contribution. Your presentations, however, are not so much meant to be “conventional” paper presentations as critical reflections on your own research. Based on individual contributions, we will engage in interactive sessions that will give specific feedback and address your questions. In order to facilitate learning from each other, a discussant will be assigned to each presenter. It flows from this that completed papers will be circulated among group participants well ahead of our meeting in Lausanne (Switzerland).

Our workshop content will be driven by your current research interests. To keep discussion groups small and focused, three **thematic tracks** – running in parallel and being chaired by individual co-convenors – will be formed based on the responses from participants and covering the breadth of our disciplines and fields of expertise in the broad academic community of public administration, management, and policy. It flows from this that our call invites proposals from a rich variety of research areas and approaches – provided your proposal reflects upon the theoretical base of your research design and discusses your methodological approach.

The symposium is open only to invited and **active participants**. Each accepted participant is expected to deliver a paper, present it during the symposium and act as discussant of another paper. The time frame for each paper will be as follows: presentation by author: 15 to 20 minutes, comments by discussant: 10 to 15 minutes, open debate and reply by author: 15 minutes. Both the presentations and the subsequent feedbacks and discussions are expected to contribute to the improvement of papers and to improve their chance of future publication.

In addition to thematic tracks that run parallel to each other, the organizers in conjunction with distinguished guest speakers will offer 2-3 joint sessions to provide input, for example, on research designs, methodological or theoretical approaches.

The two-day symposium is also a forum designed to promote **professional networking** with other workshop participants as well as members of the European public administration / management research community more generally. To this end, there will be a **social event** on one of the evenings of the symposium.

Certificates and Best Paper Award

Upon completion of the symposium, all participants will receive a **certificate**. In addition, the convenors of the symposium will consider the most innovative and rigorous papers for the 2018 **EGPA PhD Award**.

Submission of abstracts and evaluation process: **How to apply?**

Selection of participants will be based on the review of the **complete application package**.

Please submit **one single document including** the following information:

1. Personal details:

- a) Name of applicant;
- b) Institutional affiliation (university/department);
- c) Name(s) of supervisor(s) of doctoral work;
- d) Area and topic of the dissertation or PhD project;
- e) Year in which you started your doctoral work;
- f) Affiliation with a PhD school or program (if applicable).

2. Paper abstract (1,000 words max.): Please provide details of your proposed paper: title, underlying problems, clear research questions, research design and methodological orientation, relevant theories and theoretical/analytical approaches, first hypotheses and propositions, expected findings and results, problems and challenges the author may face in the research.

3. Letter of motivation (300 words max.): What do you want to get out of this symposium? How advanced is your project? How will your contribution benefit other participants? How is your proposed paper related to your PhD project?

When submitting your abstract, please make sure you qualify as the single author of the proposed paper. Abstracts will be judged against the following criteria: a) originality; b) theoretical foundations; c) rigour and appropriateness of methodology; d) potential contribution to advancing the relevant fields of public administration and management.

The symposium is open to all PhD students and junior researchers who wish to get involved in the international public administration and management research community hosted by EGPA.

The deadline for submission of your complete application package is **April 17, 2018**

Only as online submission via the EGPA conference website and the Conference management tool at: www.egpa-conference2018.org and directly through: <https://www.conftool.com/egpa2018>

Practicalities: What you need to know

Important dates:

- ✓ Deadline for online submission of complete application materials: April 17th, 2018
- ✓ Nomination of accepted papers and notification of participants: May 14th, 2018
- ✓ Deadline for online submission of full papers: August 3rd, 2018
- ✓ Assignment of discussants: August 6th, 2018
- ✓ PhD symposium: 3rd and 4th September 2018.

Venue of the symposium:

The EGPA PhD Symposium will be held on the 3rd and 4th September 2018 at IDHEAP, University of Lausanne. The PhD Symposium is an integral part of the annual EGPA conference, which is scheduled from 5th through 7th September 2018 at the same venue. The conference organizers will provide opportunities for participants to get accommodation at a reasonable rate and to have the opportunity to stay as a group at the same hotel for the time of both the symposium and conference so as to facilitate professional networking and exchanges.

Participation fee:

A special participation fee will be charged for the symposium. In addition, participants will have privileged access to the EGPA conference. The combined fee for both events is also available (as well as a reduced fee for the EGPA conference alone for PhD students). All fees are exclusive of accommodation. The rates will be available on the Conference website soon and communicated to the participants.

Please note that only applicants **with an accepted paper** for presentation can register for the symposium.

Contact details of chair and convenors:

A team of established faculty members will serve as convenors of discussion groups and sessions. Also, we will commission additional experts to contribute to the program of the symposium. Please refer all academic questions about your participation in the symposium directly to the chair of the symposium.

Conference Website:

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

For submitting your application package : <https://www.conftool.com/egpa2018>

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