PA Theory 2020 at Malmö

Call for Proposals

11-14 June 2020
Malmö, Sweden

Part of the Solution or the Problem?
Reimagining Public Administration in Turbulent Times

The 33rd Annual Meeting of the Public Administration Theory Network will explore the role of public administration in confronting contemporary social, political, economic, and environmental challenges. Such challenges include but are not limited to climate change, increasing political and economic inequalities, the rise of finance capitalism and surveillance states, and the erosion of democracy. We ask scholars and practitioners to consider the historical role of public administration in the development of these challenges as well as the prospective role of public administration in turbulent times. The challenges range in scope from the global to the local, and, after more than a decade, the Public Administration Theory Network returns to a European city to engage in a constructive dialogue with scholars across the world to think about ways to address them.

The Program Committee requests proposals that consider the role of public administration at any scale – from ministerial civil service to street level practices – in the rise, as well as the amelioration, of these and other threats. Such proposals should explore the relationship between politics, the corporate sector, public administration, and the discretion of public bureaucrats, as well as the relationship between public administration and civil society. We invite proposals that reflect upon historical practices and theoretical concerns, that envision how the state can facilitate civic participation, or that more generally explore the role of public administration, policy, and governance in these challenging times. We welcome a broad scope of papers that include diagnosis and critique as well as attempts to analyze potential roles and solutions. Such analyses and solutions can be theoretical, moral, empirical, or practical.

About the Public Administration Theory Network

The Public Administration Theory Network formed in 1978 when a group of colleagues sought a venue for discussing and developing public administration theory. Its members now include academics, public intellectuals, government officials, and public service professionals. The mission of the Public Administration Theory Network is to bring together people interested in a critical understanding of government, governance, and administration. The Network hosts a conference every year in late spring where scholars are offered the opportunity to discuss their work and hear from colleagues from across the globe.

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Submission Details
Proposals due 31 October 2019

The Program Committee invites proposals for panels of three to four topically connected papers, of single-paper submissions, and of roundtable sessions that respond to the conference theme. Panels will be considered for acceptance as a whole, but with consideration of the degree to which the papers cohere to the panel description and to each other. Independent paper proposals will either be assigned to panels or assigned to a roundtable session. The committee welcomes submissions from scholars at all career stages (including early-career and graduate students) as well as practitioners. All sessions will be in English.

Panel proposals should include a maximum 150-word abstract of the panel theme, the names of all participants and their affiliations, as well as 100-word abstracts of all papers included in the panel.

Paper proposals should include the title of the paper, author names and affiliations, and a maximum 150-word abstract of the paper to be presented.

Roundtable proposals should include a maximum 150-word description of the roundtable subject and a list of participants. Roundtable formats can be used for author-meets-critics sessions.

Completed papers will be eligible for a special issue of *Administrative Theory & Praxis*. All papers will go through the journal's normal peer review process. Submissions to the Dialogue section, which is a space in the journal for conceptual ideas, discussion, and commentary, are also encouraged.

To submit, click here
or visit patheory.net/annual_conference

Key Dates

1 August 2019	Call for Proposals opens
31 October	Call for Proposals closes
1 December	Notifications sent
1 December	Registration opens
15 February 2020	Program Schedule distributed
1 April	Early registration closes
1 May	Deadline for commitment to participate
1 May	Online registration closes
15 May	Final program posted
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