

Administrative Theory & Praxis

Call for Papers – Rolling

“Theoretical and Practical Perspectives on Contemporary Governance Challenges”

Globally, a far-right political swing shifted the rhetoric and practice of government. Countries such as the United States, Brazil, Australia, and Germany – for only a handful of examples – have seen the persistent rise in increasingly nationalistic politicians, policies, and practices. The politicization of institutions is no doubt having an effect on administrative functions, expertise, ethics, and decision making.

The political landscape is having real, likely lasting impacts on public administration and management. In the US, for example, the federal government’s chief ethics officer resigned his post after warning the Trump administration about rampant unethical policies. Also in the US, public administrators began and still maintain so-called “rogue” Twitter accounts to spread what they are calling the government truth in the wake of political spin on government feeds. Brexit in the UK is a visible change driven by nationalist sentiments. Australian housing prices and growing income inequality are spurring the rise of anti-establishment parties and politicians. Economic insecurity and pressure for change often pushes what were once considered more fringe movements of the political spectrum (on all sides) into the fore.

But what can public administration scholars do? What can practitioners do? What *are* we already doing? At *Administrative Theory & Praxis*, we have long been the home to scholarly research that challenges the status quo, critiques mainstream administrative practices, and introduces readers to new, innovative ways of thinking and knowing. With this rolling call for papers, we lean on our 40-plus year history of being an outlet where scholars and practitioners can have these vital, important discussions in a timely manner. This call for papers seeks articles that speak to the journal’s theory and praxis sides, calling for research, commentary, and video discussions about myriad contemporary governance issues from a US and global perspective. Some possible submission types include:

- Critical theoretical articles – Using strong theoretical foundations to understand administrative challenges in a divided political landscape. Will undergo full peer review.
- Empirical articles – Using qualitative, interpretive, or quantitative methodologies to explore or understand a governance challenge. Must include a strong theoretical component. Findings should have relevance for both theory development and practice. Will undergo full peer review.
- Dialogue submissions – Shorter articles meant to invoke discussion or debate. Will undergo review by Dialogue editor and editorial board members.
- Book reviews – Addressing new books that touch on the political and administrative landscapes.
- Video submissions – Quick videos from content-area experts to explain the administrative implications of governance challenges. Will be made available on the Public Administration Theory Network website and social media.

Some topics include, but are surely not limited to:

- Critiques of underlying power structures enabling governance challenges
- Social justice and equity research
- Global perspectives on governance issues and challenges
- Narrative analysis of social media pages, government policies, rules, regulations, etc.
- Social network analysis showing ties between issues, people, places, etc.
- New, emerging areas of inquiry to examine these political and administrative challenges

- Critical race theory, queer theory, feminist theory, and other theoretical approaches that could help uncover and understand the roles of marginalized communities in mainstream political and governing processes
- Technological innovations that allow for the spread of information quickly
- The role of the news media in the administrative state
- Deconstructions of administrative norms such as accountability, performance measurement, rulemaking, etc.
- Ethical decision making
- Postmodern public administration
- National and international security

For written submissions, please use the online Editorial Manager system at www.editorialmanager.com/atp. Please contact editor-in-chief Staci Zavattaro with questions (staci.zavattaro@ucf.edu).

For video questions, please contact social media editor Sean McCandless (smcca8@uic.edu).