

EGPA 2023 CONFERENCE

Zagreb, Croatia 5-8 September

**Steering the European Union through poly-crises storms:
The role of Public Administration**

CALL FOR PAPERS

PSG XIV : EU Administration and Multilevel Governance

The Permanent Study Group XIV on EU Administration and Multilevel Governance invites papers for the next EGPA Annual Conference in Zagreb, on September 5-8, 2023.

In spite, because, or aside of crisis? A (re)turn to the governance core of EU policy making

Over the years, the EU has turned into a system of multilevel governance, in which member states share policy-making and implementing competences with supranational institutions. The day-to-day functioning of this system has been researched over the last two decades as part of a 'governance turn' in EU studies, which has taken the EU polity as given.

The various crises that have confronted the EU (e.g. the Eurozone crisis, migration, COVID-19, Brexit and the Russian invasion of Ukrainian) over the last decade have however put that taken-for-grantedness under pressure, and, not surprisingly, attracted considerable attention by EU scholars. Many of them have turned to the high crisis politics in the European Council, as well as the changes in the interinstitutional balance between the Commission, European Parliament and (European) Council. In this respect, some authors have come to speak of an intergovernmentalist turn in (the) EU (studies).

In this invitation for papers, we call for a "governance (re)turn", without denying the EU's severe challenges of recent decades. We welcome papers of high quality that seek to understand the evolving structures, actors, processes and legitimacy and accountability of EU multilevel decision-making and administration against the background of past and unfolding crises. In line with the general theme of the conference, we invite papers that focus on the role of EU administration (as an 'independent variable') in steering the EU through these crises but are also open for papers that focus on how component parts of the EU administration (as the 'dependent variable') are affected by -or alternatively, remain insulated from these crises in their functioning, or more actively respond to these developments.

Aside from this focus on the impact of and engagement with crises, the call remains open to more general issues on multilevel administration, in line with our plea to put governance (back) at the centre in this PSG. We thus also invite innovative research on other types of multilevel systems, including federal policies or regional and global organisations. The PSG is committed to advance both theoretical conceptualisations of multilevel administrations and thorough empirical analyses of salient policy sectors and puzzles, in order to advance the area of research and the understanding about complex administrative processes and organisation. In this light, comparative perspectives on change over time or between different systems and/or approaches are particularly welcomed.

Practicalities

Important dates:

- ✓ Deadline for submission of abstracts: May 17, 2023
- ✓ Deadline for notification to the authors: May 31, 2023
- ✓ Deadline for online submission of full papers: August 17, 2023
- ✓ EGPA PhD Symposium 5-6 September 2023
- ✓ EGPA 2023 Conference: 6-8 September 2023

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