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EGPA PERMANENT STUDY GROUP on
EU ADMINISTRATION AND MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE

Call for Papers

The Multilevel Administrative System in Europe under
Stress:
Creating and Keeping Working Routines in Turbulent
Times

The EGPA Study Group on EU Administration and Multilevel Governance is pleased to invite interested scholars and practitioners to participate to the meeting of the Study Group during the EGPA Annual Conference, 5-8 September, 2012, Bergen, Norway.

We invite in particular presentations in the following three areas:

1. Theoretical Reflections on Multilevel Public Administration

The PSG has entertained a long-standing interest in debating theory development in the area of administrative space, (and contributing to theory building through its outputs), governance networks and multilevel administration in the EU and also at a

global level. We invite papers that are attempting to take stock and to identify future theoretical as well as empirical challenges (in view of theory development) in the area of multilevel/network administration.

2. The Management of the EU crisis

The banking and the fiscal crisis has led – in breathtaking speed – to the creation of new authorities and the distribution of new tasks. We invite papers that explore the public administrative dimension of crisis management, in particular we envisage papers that investigate the rationales of institutional change and bureaucratic competition. The PSG seeks to contribute to the global institutional debates, as well as those pertaining to multi-level government and an increasingly differentiated polity that extends notions of sovereignty and institutional remit and competency.

We look especially for papers that probe into the interconnections between institutional change and the integration/disintegration dynamics of the EU – a dimension that has come back as central (once again) - and the nature of the EU as a 'contested polity'. Also papers directly aimed at revisiting integration theories and their limits (perhaps empirically shown by the current apparent reshaping of the EU around the kind of responses given to the euro-crisis, something that would seem difficult to interpret adopting the currently available theoretical frameworks) are most welcome.

3. The Public Administration of European and international Parliaments

The role of parliaments in multilevel constellations has been neglected. However, recently parliaments have been securing their role and have become more pro-active in transnational/EU affairs. To assume their genuine role in controlling their executives they often have re-organised and strengthened their administrative basis. We welcome papers that look into the

politics of parliamentary bureaucracies at the EU and international level.

Practicalities:

The EGPA Study Group on EU Administration and Multi-Level Governance will aim for publication of high-quality papers according to three main lines: by activating special issues of peer-reviewed journals; by creating opportunities for the publication of single papers; and/or by activating contacts with top level publishers for thematic edited books.

We welcome abstracts (500 words maximum) to address one of the issues mentioned above. Abstracts must be sent to the workshop conveners no later than the 1st of May 2012. Abstracts should include a short description of the contents of the paper, and clearly specify the theoretical framework, the research method and the empirical basis of the work. Notification of acceptance will be no later than the 31st of May 2012. Final papers are due by the 1st of August 2012 and should not exceed 8,000 words.

Papers will be made available on the conference web page of the Study Group.

For general information, please visit the conference website at:
<http://www.egpa2012.com/>

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