

## **NIG Annual Work Conference 2017**

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### **Public and Political Leadership (PUPOL): Innovating leadership research in the public and political domains and beyond (Panel 5; colloquium PUPOL)**

Leadership has long been recognized as a critical factor in both the public and political domain. As both formal and informal leaders in the two domains are being faced with challenges at global, national and local levels, leadership research is still far from complete. Leaders need to respond to an increasing number of issues, collaborating across several domains. These issues range from climate change and terrorism threats to dealing with citizens' disillusion with elected representatives, the growth of populist politics, setting up ethical standards for public servants, or ways of "doing policy" for citizens. To gain a more comprehensive understanding of the characteristics of leadership as well as its determinants and effects in the interconnected public and political domains, more work remains to be done. At the NIG work conference, the PUPOL colloquium aims to provide public and political leadership scholars with a platform to:

- (1) gain insights into the latest developments in the field by discussing each others' work;
- (2) receive constructive feedback for further improvement of their own work;
- (3) get acquainted with one another and explore new theoretical and methodological avenues for (joint) research on leadership in the public and political domain.

For the panel we therefore welcome papers that focus on leadership in:

1. The public domain;
2. The political domain;
3. Across both domains.

Paper topics include, but are not limited to:

- The characteristics and distinctive features of public and/or political leadership compared to leadership in organizations in general;
- Global challenges and "wicked problems" for the public and political domains (safety, migration, climate change) and the role of leadership in dealing with them
- New leadership arenas: theoretical integration and methodological cross-fertilization to study leadership in transboundary contexts such as the EU. How can we move beyond one-on-one application of (sub)national leadership theory and methods to the study of transboundary leadership?
- The needs and expectations for leadership to (co-)create and to safeguard public and social values;
- Negative leadership (e.g. destructive, abusive or toxic leadership) and how this diminishes public and social value
- Applications of innovative leadership concepts (e.g. interactive leadership, collective and network leadership, place leadership etc.) to empirical contexts
- The effects of leadership on achieving public and political objectives and outcomes;

- The effects of public and political contexts on how leadership research develops in the fields of public administration, political science and policy science

We invite theoretical and/or empirical papers and also those aimed at methodological innovations in the field of leadership research. Both members of the PUPOL colloquium and research network as well as other interested scholars are invited to submit an abstract.

### **Connection to the NIG research program**

The panel theme connects to two of the four NIG research programme themes.

First, leadership in all its facets remains an important theme in public management settings, both for management within organizations and in the broader context of public sector reform. Second, leadership is relevant to 'multi-actor governance settings in complexity', assuming that complex multi-actor networks need to be steered beyond day-to-day management, both in procedural terms and in terms of their substantive objectives.

**If you want to present a paper, please submit your abstract to NIG by 01.09.2017 via the form on the NIG website.**

The abstract should mention: your name, affiliation, address information and the panel in which you would like to present your paper.

### **Panel chairs:**

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