

**Panel 3:**  
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**Public and Political Leadership (PUPOL): New avenues in leadership research  
in public administration and political science (Panel 3; colloquium PUPOL)**

Leadership has long been recognized as a critical factor in both the public and political domain. Nevertheless, to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the characteristics, antecedents and effects that are especially distinctive of leadership in these domains, much research remains to be done. In this panel, we aim to provide public and political leadership scholars with a platform in which they can (1) gain insight into the latest developments in the field by discussing each others' work; (2) gather constructive feedback for further improvement of their own work; and (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 welcome a broad range of papers that focus specifically on leadership in the public and political domain. We furthermore invite scholars to make use of the opportunity to obtain feedback from other leadership scholars by presenting a preliminary research idea or research proposal (minimum 5 pages). Topics include, but are not limited to:

- The characteristic and distinctive features of leadership in public administration and politics, as compared to leadership in organizations in general;
- The role and value of leadership in an era of multi-actor governance;
- Manifestations of leadership in public-private partnerships and other inter-organizational networks with public objectives;
- The effects of leadership on the achievement of public and political objectives;
- Changing needs and expectations for leadership in public and political contexts in response to new socio-economic developments;
- Conceptual and methodological innovations in public and political leadership research and how they can help to improve general theories of leadership;
- The extent to which the public context affects the way we do leadership research in public administration and political science.

In addition to providing general feedback on each of the papers, in this year's panel we also want to foster a discussion on the different methodological approaches used in public and political leadership research. In line with this, and as the PUPOL colloquium is currently preparing a special issue on methods in public and political leadership research, we welcome conceptual and empirical papers as well as those with a specific focus on new and promising methodological approaches.

The panel welcomes members of the PUPOL colloquium as well as other interested scholars.

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

The panel theme is connected 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 the 'multi-actor governance settings in complexity' assuming that complex multi-actor networks have a need for steering 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 (max. 800 words) to NIG before 20 July 2015 via de NIG website.**

The abstract should mention your name, affiliation and address information, and the panel in which you would like to present your paper (Leadership revisited: panel 3)

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