

**NIG Annual Work Conference 2016,
24-25 November, Antwerp (Belgium)**

Panel 1: Public and Political Leadership (PUPOL): New avenues in leadership research in public administration and political science (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 the PUPOL colloquium 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. This year our panel at the NIG conference also wants to discuss opportunities to come to a PUPOL special issue for a Dutch journal in 2017.

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

1. The public domain;
2. The political domain;
- And: 3. About the specific leadership role of mayors in Dutch municipalities.

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- The characteristic and distinctive features of public and/or political leadership, as compared to leadership in organizations in general;
- Needs and expectations for leadership to create public value and safeguarding public values;
- Needs and expectations for leadership in public and political contexts in response to 'wicked problems';
- The effects of leadership on the achievement of public and political objectives;
- The specific leadership role of mayors in Dutch municipalities.
- The extent to which the public and political context affects the way we do leadership research in public administration and political science.

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

August 25th 2016 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.

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