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Panel 11: Resilience while facing societal challenges? Consequences of contemporary economic and political crises for reform sustainability. Transfers of lessons between Old and New EU Member States

The panel provides an environment to explore, compare and reflect on the politics and governance of political and administrative reforms in EU in times of challenges brought by migration and economic crisis. The recent Eurozone crisis is considered as a 'critical juncture' triggering (or stalling) administrative reform in old and new EU member states. The goal of this panel is twofold. First, we aim to explore what kind of consequences the recent crises have on (i) the ability and legitimacy of external - and especially European - forces in driving administrative reforms (e.g., Lippert, Umbach and Wessels 2001, Schimmelfennig and Sedelmaier, 2005) and (ii) the effectiveness of the mechanisms through which political and administrative reforms can be stimulated by external actors (e.g. Lavenex 2008, Lavenex and Schimmelfennig 2009, Raik 2006) and/or governmentality structures (Walters 2012). At the same time, we aim to draw attention to the impact of recent political and economic crises on domestic actors and structures, such as bureaucratic politics, institutional constraints or legacies of the communist regime, in administrative reforms in Eastern Europe (e.g. Grzymala-Busse 2007, Eymeri-Douzans and Pierre, 2011).

The panel therefore aims to attract papers which investigate the impact of political and economic crises on international as well as domestic politics of administrative reform EU, with attention on both Old-Member States as New Member States from the CEE region and vicinity area. Further, we aim to provide a context facilitating the reflection upon the enablers and disablers of sustainable administrative reform. The contributions will draw on a mix of methodologies, including qualitative and quantitative analysis, focus groups and discourse analysis. Contributions may offer country-specific or cross-country, issue-based or comparative empirical assessments. By providing an environment to address the above mentioned research topics, the Panel contributes to two research themes of the NIG: Multi-level Governance in Europe and Public Management.

If you want to present a paper, please submit your abstract (max. 800 words) to NIG before August 25th 2016 via de NIG website.

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