

Call for Participation

2016 Doctoral Workshop in Comparative Public Administration (CPA)

The workshop introduces doctoral students to different types of comparative research in public administration, both in a theoretical and in a methodological perspective as well as in terms of results. Comparative research broadens the knowledge and understanding of different politico-administrative systems, leads to a less parochial perspective, and makes research more attractive to the international community of scholars. Moreover, comparative analysis allows for developing/testing the origins and/or the effects of particular politico-administrative phenomena (e.g. institutions, processes and policies). And finally, such analyses often provide the basis for recommendations for policy change and institutional reforms.

The lecturers (see programme below) will give an introduction in comparative research and present their own ongoing projects. The students are invited to present their PhD project in an international comparative perspective and to take part in self-organized sessions on specific topics. Site visits to international organizations in Geneva (UNO, ICRC), the Federal court and the authorities in Lausanne are also part of the program.

Deliverables/requirements: The doctoral students will be asked to prepare for the course by studying the mandatory readings, by preparing a short paper (maximum 1500 words) in which they formulate their main research question and explain how they use a comparative approach for answering this question (or how such an approach might be used to this end), and by preparing a short 3-minute presentation of their research at the workshop.

Credits: 3 ECTS

Date: October 5 to 7, 2016 (arrival: October 4; departure October 8).

Location: IDHEAP, University of Lausanne, Switzerland (www.unil.ch/idheap/home.html)

Organizing institutions: NIG, University of Potsdam, IDHEAP University of Lausanne, University of Potsdam

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Bas Denters (NIG/ University of Twente), Prof. Dr. Sabine Kuhlmann (University of Potsdam), Prof. Dr. Isabella Proeller (University of Potsdam), Prof. Dr. Yves Emery (IDHEAP, Lausanne), Prof. Dr. Andreas Ladner (IDHEAP, Lausanne)

Registration: Send your application (the consent of your supervisor/responsible of the PhD program provided) to ada.amsellem@unil.ch and andreas.ladner@unil.ch. No tuition fee for students from the organizing institutions. Travel costs, accommodation and boarding to be covered by the participants' home institutions.

Programme

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	04.10.2016	05.10.2016	06.10.2016	07.10.2016	08.10.2016
9:00 -10:30		Comparative Public Administration (Sabine Kuhlmann)	Self-organized sessions (Isabella Proeller)	Geneva ICRC	Trip to the Mountains (optional)
10:30-11:00					
11:00-12:30		Comparative Public Administration (Bas Denters)	Presentations Students II	UNO: Palais des Nations	
13:30-15:00		Presentation Students I	Court Management (Yves Emery)	Meeting with representative of a permanent mission at the UNO	
15:00-15:30					
15:30-17:00		Comparative Public Administration: The Swiss Laboratory (Andreas Ladner)	Visit to the Federal Court, Meeting with a representative and court managers	Sightseeing Geneva	
17:00-17:30					
18:00-19:00		Visit to the Lausanne Town Hall	Individual discussions teachers – students	Wrap up	
<i>Evening</i>	<i>Arrival</i>	<i>Joint Dinner in Town</i>		<i>Farewell drink</i>	

(The programme might be subject to minor changes)