

T03P01 / Innovative Governance and the Governance of Change

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GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

In this panel a selection of papers may be considered for the Policy & Politics journal.

How do governments cope in an era of rapid social and economic change, technological innovation and transboundary policy problems? This panel seeks to contribute to the field of policy studies concerned with the ongoing changes in governance, both fast and slow, that governments have introduced in response to this changing context and the transformations in statehood that they are driving. Changing realities of participation in governance may include new arrangements of science-policy interaction as well as initiatives for the practical and/or deliberative involvement of both new and old constituencies.

Increasingly our understanding and implementation of governance is challenged by trends such as digitalisation, democratic participation and resistance, scientific and technological innovation, and cross-jurisdictional policy problems. In sociology, theorists such as Bauman (2006) and Beck have examined these changes in social order and their impacts on social change. For example, Bauman has argued that the liquidity or fluidity of modern life leads individuals to live their lives under conditions of endemic uncertainty and flux. When applied to governance, this changing social order can create unpredictable and uncertain political dynamics which require a critical rethinking and consequent shift in how political authority is exercised, and how innovative governance instruments can enable a recoupling between those who exercise political authority with those who are governed by it. This is a problem that all governments face both democratic and non-democratic.

As such, innovative instruments of governance are potential drivers for the governance of change. Change can be fast, slow, incremental or non-existent but potentially disruptive and paradigm shifting change will often require innovative governance processes. Similarly, slow incremental reform processes and stable governance environments can benefit from innovative governance instruments that create an environment in which change can take place by disrupting longstanding path dependencies. Any given policy sector or public management field might encompass multiple rates of change at different levels (e.g. BREXIT), requiring multiple governance approaches that are each carefully designed to target specific outcomes. This blending of governance instruments including market-based, participatory, information tools, or 'nudge' approaches, requires the co-production of science and politics that draws on a range of theoretical and empirical concepts from across multiple disciplines, including policy studies, sociology, and innovation studies.

This panel explores this nexus of theory and practice and seeks submissions that address both conceptual and theoretical insights on styles and approaches of 'innovative' or 'experimentalist governance' and lessons about the social praxis and technical hardware required to cope with dynamism and change. In bringing together a critical understanding of theory and practice, the panel will contribute to the development of informed innovative governance design that furthers our capacity to tackle the complex challenges facing contemporary democracies.

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- Public authority, policy entrepreneurship and expertise
- Learning and leadership as drivers and/or moderators of change
- Rapid technological change, scientific discovery and risk

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CALL FOR PAPERS

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Session 1 Conceptualising Policy Change

Thursday, June 29th 08:15 to 10:15 (Block B 3 - Lecture)

Discussants

Diane Stone (European University Institute)

Change Governance: Governing And Democracy in Fast Time

Paul Fawcett (University of Melbourne)

Thucydides Dream: Is it possible to formulate a Theory of Change to assist Governance?

Diego Rubio (University of Oxford)

Manuel Muñiz (Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University)

When Governance Meets Populism: An Emerging Crisis?

Gerry Stoker (University of Canberra)

Nudging as a policy instrument. How choice architects pursue health, wealth and happiness in the information age

Anders Esmark (University of Copenhagen)

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Session 2Local Governance

Thursday, June 29th 10:30 to 12:30 (Block B 3 - Lecture)

Assessing the impact of informal governance on political innovation

Sarah Ayres (University of Bristol)

Strengthening interactive political leadership by designing arenas for collaborative policy innovation

Eva Sørensen (Roskilde University)

Jacob Torfing (Roskilde University)

'Public Governance' and Institutional Innovations: A study of 'Grama Sabha' in India.

G. Ram Reddy (Osmania University)

Gopal G Reddy (Osmania University)

The Development Pacts in Italy: how multi-level governance can increase development policies

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Session 3 Transnational Governance

Thursday, June 29th 13:30 to 15:30 (Block B 3 - Lecture)

Instruments of Transformative Governance. Product Development Partnerships for Neglected Diseases

Susana Borrás (Copenhagen Business School)

Dynamic Multilevel Governance as Global Governance of Change

Andreas Klinke (Memorial University of Newfoundland)

Is the FSC losing its edge? The realities of implementing innovative governance approaches over time

Lain Dare (University of Canberra)