

(Virtual) T10P03 / Multi-Level Governance from a Network Perspective

Topic : T10 / FEDERALISM AND MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE

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GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

The growing dissemination of political authority and influence across the supranational, national and subnational levels of government have been the subject of extensive research in the last decades. Such research efforts have noted how the increasingly lower control of national governments over governing tasks has been paralleled with an empowerment of subnational and supranational structures in the governance sphere. Having said that, while a considerable number of pieces have provided valuable theoretical contributions to multi-level governance studies (Hooghe and Marks, 2001; Piattoni, 2009; Enderlein et al., 2010; Tortola, 2017), multi-level governance still remains a “fuzzy and underdeveloped concept” (Bache et al., 2016). For example, few papers have focused on the relational dynamics that underlie multi-level governance systems (exceptions include Börzel and Heard-Lauréote, 2009; Di Gregorio et al., 2019; Bravo-Laguna, 2020). Social network analysis provides an interesting methodological toolkit in this regard, considering its ability to provide empirical evidence regarding formal and de facto interdependencies across governance levels (González and Verhoest, 2020), and its emphasis on the systemic level (Robins, 2015; Scott and Ulibarri, 2019).

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CALL FOR PAPERS

This panel seeks to respond to the need for theoretical and empirical research on the subject of multi-level governance from the perspective of network science. Broader examples of research questions include: How do existing multi-level structural patterns affect policy outcomes? How does the position of particular actors within broader multi-level networks help explain decision-making in such polities? How have specific multi-level governance structures evolved over time? What characteristics of a multi-level governance network make it effective? Which self-organizing processes could be identified within a given multi-level networked system? Are there specific actors in the network (brokers) connecting different levels? The panel welcomes contributions centered around an extensive range of policy sectors that examine multi-level governance from a network perspective. While the European Union currently exemplifies the most advanced form of multi-level governance (Hooghe and Marks, 2001), this panel is also open to academic papers that review multi-level relational dynamics in other polities.

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Session 1 Morning (begin after 10am)

Monday, July 5th 10:00 to 12:00 (Virtual 08)

(Virtual) Multi-Level Governance of Covid 19 Italian response policies: the case of Lombardy.

Manuel Reinón (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

Maria Esther Campo García (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

Inmaculada Mateos Buendía (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

(Virtual) Multi-Level Governance in Shaping Foreign Policy - a case study of Germany

Joanna Ciesielska-Klikowska (University of Lodz, Poland)

(Virtual) Smart Specialisation + SNA2 = Värmland in MLG?

Malin Stegmann McCallion (Karlstad University)

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Session 2 Afternoon (finish before 5pm)

Thursday, July 8th 14:00 to 16:00 (Virtual 08)

(Virtual) Network management strategies for system-wide transformation: single case study of a multi-agency innovation programme

Valentina Nakic (Chalmers University of Technology)

Hans Hellsmark (Chalmers University of Technology)

Anna Bergek (Chalmers University of Technology)

(Virtual) The debate on air pollution in the EU multi-level system: a discourse network analysis

Carlos Bravo-Laguna (Leiden University)

Melanie Nagel (University of Tuebingen)

(Virtual) A network approach to understanding the multilevel governance dynamics of low-carbon mobility in the UK

Timea Nochta (University of Birmingham)

Louise Reardon (University of Birmingham)

Li Wan (University of Cambridge)

(Virtual) Reconceptualizing the Architecture of Rural Development Networks: A Cross-Regional Comparative Assessment of International Aid-Policy in Pakistan and Afghanistan

Elsa T. Khwaja (George Mason University Schar School of Policy and Government)