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Topic : Public Administration, Governance, Networks

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This workshop will examine an array of policy instruments and collaborative management mechanisms available to coordinate the actions of local governments to mitigate local and regional dilemmas of fragmented authority that characterize a federalist system and even unitary systems. Authority to address public problems can be fragmented vertically among levels of government, horizontally among local governments, or functionally among agencies and bureaus. Fragmented authority produces institutional collective action dilemmas when lack on integration results in spillovers or loss of scale economies. This workshop brings together research to understand these dilemmas and the collaborative mechanisms to mitigate them. Informal types of agreements impose fewer restrictions on participants because they are flexible, voluntary, and do not require local governments to give up autonomy but they are unlikely to be sustained if participants face “collaboration risks” of not being able to coordinate on a course of action, not being able to agree to division of costs, or not being able to prevent others from reneging or free riding following agreement.

Thus the aim of the workshop is to bring together scholars in urban affairs, public administration, and public policy to advance theory and practice of intergovernmental, inter-organizational, and intra-organizational collaboration. This workshop will present theoretically informed empirical papers that address the challenges of fragmented authority, emphasizing comparative perspectives.

ABSTRACT

The focus of this workshop is on how regional governance systems and intergovernmental collaboration relationships evolve and how they shape policy instrument selection and implementation. This workshop will both extend and develop, and challenge institutional collective action theories of local and regional policy. In doing so the research presented seeks to capture the political dynamics collaborative governance institutions and policy instruments throughout their life cycle.

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Session 3Regional Governance in Practice

Wednesday, June 27th 09:00 to 12:15 (Barco Law - G46 (Groundfloor))

Discussants

Lachezar Anguelov (The Evergreen State College)

Stefan Wittwer (ETH Zurich, Switzerland)

Three Case Studies of Regional Collaboration between Community Water Systems in the U.S.

Katy Hansen (Duke University)

Taking up a role in the labour market league: creating governance capacity for joint action

Petra Ophoff (Netherlands School of Public Administration)

The Unvarnished Truth about Large Cities' Representation in American Regional Intergovernmental Organizations (RIGOs)

Jay Rickabaugh (University of Pittsburgh)

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Session 4Regional Land and Environmental Governance

Wednesday, June 27th 13:45 to 17:00 (Barco Law - G46 (Groundfloor))

Discussants

Jay Rickabaugh (University of Pittsburgh)

Katy Hansen (Duke University)

Political-Administrative Interactions in Inter-municipal Cooperation: the Case of Integrated Territorial Investments in Poland

Sylwia Borkowska-Waszak (University of Strathclyde, European Policies Research Centre)

Martin Ferry (University of Strathclyde)

Using the policy instruments of NGOs to promote locally-led development and governance in Sri Lanka

Indi Akurugoda (University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka)

To Mitigate or to Adapt: Perceptions and Attitudes of Local Actors towards Green and Open Spaces in Urban Regions

Nicole Schmidt (Heidelberg University)

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Session 5Interlocal Collaboration and Transaction Costs

Thursday, June 28th 09:00 to 12:15 (Barco Law - G46 (Groundfloor))

Discussants

David Miller (University of Pittsburgh)

Liming Suo (University of Electronic Science and Technology of China)

Promoting regional cross-border projects in fragmented authority: inter-cantonal cooperation in the implementation of a new regional policy in Switzerland

Stefan Wittwer (ETH Zurich, Switzerland)

Fritz Sager (University of Bern)

The Life Cycle of Shared Service Delivery: Differentiating Opportunities, Goals, Collective Mechanisms, and Transaction Costs

Austin Aldag (Cornell University)

Mildred Warner (Cornell University)

Inte-rmunicipal Cooperation in the Balkans: Applying an Institutional Collective Action (ICA) Framework to investigate inter-municipal governance

Lachezar Anguelov (The Evergreen State College)

Haris Alibaši? (University of West Florida)

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Session 6Regional Governance Theory

Thursday, June 28th 13:45 to 16:00 (Barco Law - 118)

Discussants

Richard Feiock (Florida State University)

Austin Aldag (Cornell University)

The Asset Specificity, Measurability and Institutional Collective Action in Environmental Governance

Liming Suo (University of Electronic Science and Technology of China)

Xue Li (University of Electronic Science and Technology of China)

Jie Ma (University of Electronic Science and Technology of China)

Parsing Regional Governing Space in Large Metropolitan Areas: Pittsburgh, Chicago, Boston, and Los Anegeles

David Miller (University of Pittsburgh)

The impact of public service capacity on municipal cooperation in Hungary

Éva Kovács (National University of Public Service)