

# T02P36 / Innovation, Governance and Reform: Lessons from the Developing World

**Topic :** T02 / Comparative Public Policy sponsored by Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis

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## GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

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In the last decades there has been a new wave of public sector reforms. Most of these attempts aim to improve government effectiveness by transforming governance structures and adopting new policy instruments and processes. But many of them have produced limited or mixed results as they were targeted on isomorphic institutional changes, supported by a narrow group of government actors intending to gain political and financial support from the international community and privileged constituencies.

On the other hand, there have been several attempts to do reform differently, not ignoring contextual factors and the complexity of problems faced by developing countries, but fostering innovation, adaptation and learning. Among these reforms we can mention the efforts to advance new modes of governance and social coordination, new uses of social media and social networks, new monitoring and evaluation strategies, the incentive to develop a wide range of learning communities and communities of practice in the public sector, and the use of social analytics in planning, implementing and evaluating public policies and governmental programs.

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In other words, as the strategic importance of fostering public policy innovation became acknowledged, many important questions stay unanswered, such as: What exactly should be considered as a public policy innovation in the developing world, and what impact they have on politics and collective life, locally, nationally and internationally? What conditions, causal mechanisms or different modes of public policy innovations might be identified both historically and in the present? What do new forms public policy innovation mean for the development processes in different institutional and cultural contexts? How do public policy innovations interact with other traditional institutions and organizations in the public sector and society? How public policy innovation affect core functions and processes inside the government, including (but not limited to) human resources management, regulation, budgeting and financial management, project management and performance management? What methodologies are most effective for conducting research on these questions? Can public policy innovations in developed world inform new demands in Latin America, East Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East (or vice-versa)?

This panel is open for the experience of countries in the so-called developing regions (Latin America, Africa, Middle-East, Eastern Europe and Asia), but also for comparative studies examining experiences of different countries. We especially welcome papers that are explicitly interdisciplinary and that foster discussion of research that is informed by diverse theoretical and analytical approaches. Papers may address topics that are historical and/or contemporary. We also welcome proposals that showcase case studies that explore salient issues related to public policy innovation in developing countries.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

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## Session 1

Friday, June 30th 13:45 to 15:45 (Li Ka Shing LKS 1 - 1)

### **Ensure citizen-oriented data for 'co-production' of public policy: Russian case of 'budget for citizens'**

Leonid Smorgunov (St. Petersburg State University)

### **Policy innovation at subnational level in Mexico**

Anahely Medrano (CONACyT-CentroGeo)

### **Governance Innovations As Key Mechanisms Of Sustainable Development: Lessons From Developing Ukraine**

Olga Matveieva (Dnipropetrovsk Regional Institute of Public Administration)

### **Institutional Innovation Diffusion in Brazil: Public Consortia in Metropolitan Regions**

Antonio Sergio Araújo Fernandes (Federal University of Bahia, Brazil)

ALEX NASCIMENTO (UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DE CAMPINA GRANDE - UFCG)

Lauro Pinheiro (Federal University of Bahia)

### **How Public Procurement of Innovation (PPI) in Developed World Could Inform Technology Transfer in Developing Countries**

Javad Noori (The Research Institute for Science, Technology and Industry Policy (RISTIP))

Najmoddin Yazdi (Sharif Policy Research Institute (SPRI); Sharif University of Technology)

Sadegh Mohsennia

Ali Maleki (Sharif Policy Research Institute (SPRI); Sharif University of Technology)

### **Contractual Health Services Performance Agreements for Responsive Health Systems: From Conception to Implementation in the Case of Qatar**

Fadi El-Jardali (American University of Beirut)