



Call

for the Special Issue of the

Central European Public Administration Review

“From traditional to new governance models in public administration: general principles, regional practices and trends”

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Special Issue Framework – a Brief Description

Changes in our societies and accordingly in the development of the public administration have led to the implementation of various types of governance models. From a traditional Weberian model, a set of new approaches have arisen, from the introduction of improved methods of management as imported from the private sector and market mechanisms to comprehensive post public sector reforms and attributive governance models (New Weberian State, post-NPM, New Public Governance, Digital era, etc.). The theory and practice of public administration and governance addresses a wide range of schools of thought, which reflect among others certain disciplinary prevalence and regional administrative traditions. Taking as a starting point the traditional model of Weberian bureaucracy, the evolution of administrative systems, methods and styles followed different paths, for instance when comparing Western or older EU Member States, as opposed to CEE. Moreover, EU and multi-level governance contributed to new challenges. Yet, there are some common general principles, such as the rule of law, efficiency and effectiveness, transparency and participation, etc. that contribute to convergence on the field. For instance, there are new modes of collaboration developed between the state and the social-economic sphere, NGOs and citizens. Recently, a new branch of thought has gained ground, composed of modern, alternative or hybrid models and revisited approaches to classical administrative patterns, also suggesting a reconsideration of the dividing line between models.

Accordingly, the current special issue of CEPAR warmly welcomes scientific contributions, which will be primarily focused on the above selected aspects with global and regional trends of public administration models and their interactions with governance principles in contemporary public administration reforms.

Subject Coverage / Topics that are welcome in particular, but not limited to:

- Public Administration Reform (PAR) – general issues and regional practices,
- Transformations from a Weberian Bureaucracy via New Public Management and Good Governance to New Weberian State, post-NPM, Digital Era Governance, etc.

- Values and ethics as PAR and new governance models frameworks,
- The role and impact of all and/or prevailing fundamental principles of public governance: accountability, transparency, the rule of law, responsiveness, equity and inclusiveness consensus orientation, effectiveness and efficiency, participation,
- Relations among individual general PA and good governance principles,
- Disciplinary framework of PAR and (new) governance models,
- PA development and models in multi-level governance (EU, nationally, regions and municipalities),
- National and regional peculiarities in PAR and governance models,
- Impact of business globalisation and digitalisation on public governance,
- New regulatory and administrative processes related models in modern era,
- Content analysis of scientific literature on new governance models and PAR, etc.

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Guidelines for Prospective Authors

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Target Dates

- **Submission of paper proposals**, in length of 1- 2 pages, including a title, authors, their affiliation, abstract and key words: **31 March 2019**.
- Notification of acceptance: **15 April 2019**.
- **Submission of full manuscripts: 15 June 2019**.
- Reviews and feed-back information to authors: **15 August 2019**.
- Submission of revised papers: **15 September 2019**.
- Publication: **November 2019**.

Papers submitted earlier than the submission date will be put through the review process on a rolling basis, and their authors may expect to hear back sooner.

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