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# Meeting Rooms

Sessions	Room	Floor
Main Conference Theme	Sala Senatului	1st
General Session	Room III.9 - Matei Cantacuzino	1st
Opening Sessions	Aula Magna Mihai Eminescu	Ground
Closing Sessions	Sala Ferdinand	1st
Business Meeting	Sala Ferdinand	1st

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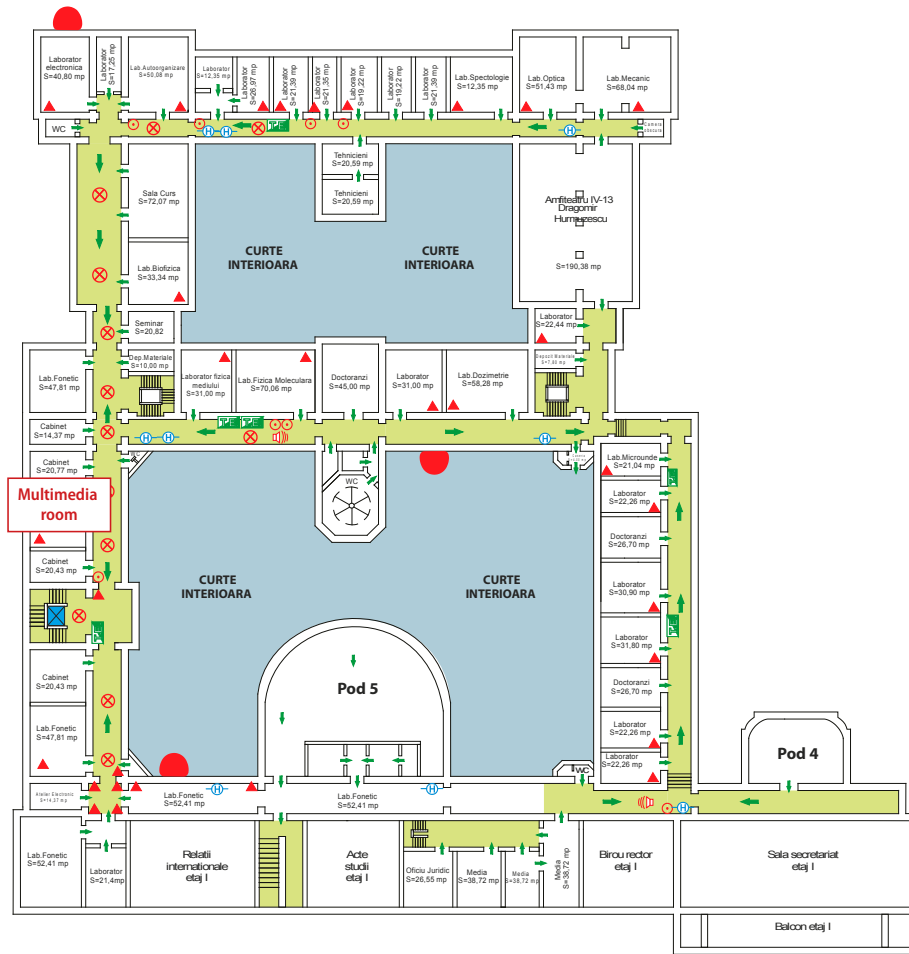
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Meeting with Conference Coordinators (closed)	Sala Senatului	1st

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Coffee Breaks	Sala Pașilor Pierduți	Ground
Lunches	University Cantina Titu Maiorescu	Strada Titu Maiorescu 7 - 9
NISPAcee Office	Office 9c (Rectorat Hall)	1st



# 2<sup>nd</sup> floor



# University Cantina Titu Maiorescu



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**Diana Stirbu**, London Metropolitan University, United Kingdom

## **V. Working Group on Public Finance and Financial Management**

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**Juraj Nemec**, Masaryk University Brno, Czech Republic and Matej Bel University Banska Bystrica, Slovakia

**Aleksander Aristovnik**, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

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**Lesya Ilchenko - Syuyva**, National Academy of Public Administration, Office of the President of Ukraine

**Jaroslav Dvorak**, Klaipeda University, Klaipeda, Lithuania

## **VII. Working Group on Public Administration Education**

**Calin Hintea**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

**Roger Hamlin**, Michigan State University, East Lansing, USA

## **VIII. Working Group on Local Services and Infrastructure**

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**Daniel Klimovsky**, Comenius University, Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Slovakia

## **IX. Working Group on Change, Transition and Uncertainty**

**György Gajduschek**, Corvinus University, Budapest, Hungary

**Eva Zemandl**, Central European University, Hungary

## **X. Working Group on Non - Governmental Organizations in Central and Eastern Europe**

**Michael Brintnall**, ASPA Council, US

**Gyorgy Hajnal**, Corvinus University, Budapest, Hungary

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# Conference Schedule

<b>May 23, 2018 (Wednesday)</b>			
<b>09:45 - 10:00</b>	<b>Welcome coffee (JCPA workshop and PhD Pre-conference Seminar)</b> Corridor in front of Sala Senatului 1st floor		
<b>10:00 - 12:00</b>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary JCPA Workshop: Comparing Public Policy Process and Effects: Well-Being and Growth in Central and Eastern European Countries</b> <i>Session 1</i> Sala Senatului 1st floor</td> <td><b>PhD Pre-conference Seminar</b> <i>Session 1</i> Sala Ferdinand 1st floor</td> </tr> </table>	<b>The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary JCPA Workshop: Comparing Public Policy Process and Effects: Well-Being and Growth in Central and Eastern European Countries</b> <i>Session 1</i> Sala Senatului 1st floor	<b>PhD Pre-conference Seminar</b> <i>Session 1</i> Sala Ferdinand 1st floor
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<b>12:00 - 13:00</b>	<b>Lunch (JCPA workshop and PhD Pre-conference Seminar)</b> University Cantina Titu Maiorescu Strada Titu Maiorescu 7-9, Iași		
<b>13:00 - 15:00</b>	<b>The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary JCPA Workshop: Comparing Public Policy Process and Effects: Well-Being and Growth in Central and Eastern European Countries</b> <i>Session 2</i> Sala Senatului 1st floor		
<b>13:00 - 14:30</b>	<b>PhD Pre-conference Seminar</b> <i>Session 2</i> Sala Ferdinand 1st floor		
<b>14:30 - 14:45</b>	<b>Coffee break (PhD Pre-conference Seminar)</b> Corridor in front of Sala Senatului 1st floor		
<b>14:45 - 16:00</b>	<b>PhD Pre-conference Seminar</b> <i>Session 3</i> Sala Ferdinand 1st floor		
<b>15:00 - 16:00</b>	<b>The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary JCPA Reception (Closed Event only for invited JCPA Friends)</b> Corridor in front of Sala Senatului 1st floor		
<b>16:00 - 18:30</b>	<b>Steering Committee Meeting (Closed Meeting)</b> Sala BECA 1st floor		
<b>17:00 - 19:00</b>	<b>Conference Registration</b> Sala Pașilor Pierduți Ground floor - Hall of Echoing Footsteps		
<b>19:00 - 20:00</b>	<b>Meeting with Conference Coordinators and Chairs (Closed meeting)</b> Sala Senatului 1st floor		



<b>May 24, 2018 (Thursday)</b>					
09:00 - 13:00	<b>Conference Registration</b> Sala Pașilor Pierduți Ground floor - Hall of Echoing Footsteps				
09:30 - 10:45	<b>Opening Plenary Session</b> <i>Welcome and Opening Speeches</i> Aula Magna Mihai Eminescu Ground floor				
10:45 - 11:15	<b>Coffee Break</b> Sala Pașilor Pierduți Ground floor - Hall of Echoing Footsteps				
11:15 - 12:45	<b>Opening Plenary Session</b> Aula Magna Mihai Eminescu Ground floor				
12:45 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b> University Cantina Titu Maiorescu Strada Titu Maiorescu 7-9, Iași				
14:00 - 15:30	<b>Main Conference Theme</b> <i>Session 1: Projects and Plans directly related to promoting Economic Development</i> Sala Senatului 1st floor	<b>I. Working Group on Local Government</b> <i>Session 1: Local Government Reforms and Consequences</i> Sala Ferdinand 1st floor	<b>II. Working Group on E-government</b> <i>Session 1</i> Room III.12 - A. Philippide 1st floor	<b>III. Working Group on Public Administration Reform</b> <i>Session 1: Change and Performance in Public Sector: Comparative Insights</i> Room Alexandru Myler Ground floor	<b>IV. Working Group on Regional Cooperation and Inter-regional Development</b> <i>Session 1: Regional Development, its Quality and Strategy</i> Room III.11 – G. Ibrăileanu 1st floor
	<b>X. Working Group on Non-Governmental Organizations in Central and Eastern Europe</b> <i>Session 1: NGO Operations and Performance</i> Room III.9 – Matei Cantacuzino 1st floor				
15:30 - 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b> Sala Pașilor Pierduți Ground floor - Hall of Echoing Footsteps				
16:00 - 17:30	<b>General Session</b> <i>Session 1: The Agenda for Good Governance: Dealing with Inequality, Legal Disputes, Corruption and Fiscal Sustainability</i> Room III.9 – Matei Cantacuzino 1st floor	<b>I. Working Group on Local Government</b> <i>Session 2: Local Actors and Decision Making</i> Sala Ferdinand 1st floor	<b>III. Working Group on Public Administration Reform</b> <i>Session 2: Innovation(s) in Public Sector: Lessons learnt</i> Room Alexandru Myler Ground floor	<b>V. Working Group on Public Finance and Financial Management</b> <i>Session 1: Macro Public Finance</i> Room III.11 – G. Ibrăileanu 1st floor	<b>VI. Working Group on Public Policy Analysis Development Issues</b> <i>Session 1: Implementing Public Policy Analysis Procedures into Practice</i> Room III.12 - A. Philippide 1st floor
	<b>VII. Working Group on Public Administration Education</b> <i>Session 1</i> Sala Senatului 1st floor				
18:45 - 18:45	<b>Transfer by Bus from the University and Hotel Unirea to the Botanical Garden</b> Departure points: Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași and Unirea Hotel nr. 5, Piața Unirii, Iași				
19:00 - 22:00	<b>Welcome Cocktail</b> Botanical Garden Iași, Str. Dumbrava Roșie, 7-9, Iași				
22:00 - 22:00	<b>Transfer by Bus from the Botanical Garden</b> Botanical Garden Iași				

<b>May 25, 2018 (Friday)</b>					
09:00 - 10:30	<b>General Session</b> <i>Session 2: Providing Services for the Vulnerable: Children, Youth and the Asylum Seekers</i> Room III.9 – Matei Cantacuzino 1st floor	<b>I. Working Group on Local Government</b> <i>Session 3: Local Services and Infrastructure</i> Sala Ferdinand 1st floor	<b>III. Working Group on Public Administration Reform</b> <i>Session 3: Challenges to Public Sector Development in Europe and Central Asia</i> Room Alexandru Myler Ground floor	<b>V. Working Group on Public Finance and Financial Management</b> <i>Session 2: Local Government Finance</i> Room III.11 – G. Ibrăileanu 1st floor	<b>VI. Working Group on Public Policy Analysis Development Issues</b> <i>Session 2: Regional and Sectoral Public Policy Making</i> Room III.12 - A. Philippide 1st floor
	<b>VII. Working Group on Public Administration Education</b> <i>Session 2</i> Sala Senatului 1st floor				
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b> Sala Pașilor Pierduți Ground floor - Hall of Echoing Footsteps				
11:00 - 12:30	<b>EAPAA Panel - European Association for Public Administration Accreditation</b> Sala Senatului 1st floor	<b>ReSPA Panel</b> <i>Supporting Public Administration Reform (PAR) through Regional Cooperation in Western Balkans</i> Sala Ferdinand 1st floor		<b>Panel on Management and Leadership in the Public Sector</b> Room III.12 - A. Philippide 1st floor	
12:30 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b> University Cantina Titu Maiorescu Strada Titu Maiorescu 7-9, Iași				
14:00 - 15:30	<b>Panel on Public Sector Coordination in CEE and Beyond</b> Sala Ferdinand 1st floor	<b>Panel on Innovation and Growth in a Smart Public Sector – Grassroots Best Practice</b> Sala Senatului 1st floor	<b>Panel on The Impact of Behavioral Economics on Policy-Making</b> Room III.12 - A. Philippide 1st floor		
15:30 - 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b> Sala Pașilor Pierduți Ground floor - Hall of Echoing Footsteps				
16:00 - 17:30	<b>I. Working Group on Local Government</b> <i>Session 4: Local and Regional Development</i> Sala Ferdinand 1st floor	<b>III. Working Group on Public Administration Reform</b> <i>Session 4: Reflections on Public Administration: An Outlook of Theory and Practice</i> Room Alexandru Myler Ground floor	<b>IV. Working Group on Regional Cooperation and Inter-regional Development</b> <i>Session 2: Inter-regional Cooperation</i> Room III.11 – G. Ibrăileanu 1st floor	<b>VI. Working Group on Public Policy Analysis Development Issues</b> <i>Session 3: Involving Civil Society into Public Policy Making</i> Room III.12 - A. Philippide 1st floor	<b>VII. Working Group on Public Administration Education</b> <i>Session 3</i> Sala Senatului 1st floor
	<b>IX. Working Group on Change, Transition and Uncertainty</b> Room III.9 – Matei Cantacuzino 1st floor				
17:45 - 18:45	<b>Business Meeting</b> Sala Ferdinand 1st floor				
20:00 - 23:00	<b>Flower Party with Live Music</b> Unirea Restaurant Hotel Unirea, nr. 5, Piața Unirii, Iași				

<b>May 26, 2018 (Saturday)</b>					
<b>09:00 - 10:30</b>	<b>Main Conference Theme</b> <i>Session 2: How improved Practices in PA promote Growth and well being</i> Sala Senatului 1st floor	<b>I. Working Group on Local Government</b> <i>Session 5: Functional Issues, the Scale of Local Governance</i> Sala Ferdinand 1st floor	<b>II. Working Group on E-government</b> <i>Session 2</i> Room III.12 - A. Philippide 1st floor	<b>V. Working Group on Public Finance and Financial Management</b> <i>Session 3</i> Room III.11 – G. Ibrăileanu 1st floor	<b>X. Working Group on Non-Governmental Organizations in Central and Eastern Europe</b> <i>Session 2: NGOs and their Role in Service Delivery</i> Room III.9 – Matei Cantacuzino 1st floor
<b>10:30 - 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b> Sala Pașilor Pierduți Ground floor - Hall of Echoing Footsteps				
<b>11:00 - 12:00</b>	<b>Closing Roundtable</b> <i>"The Role of Education and Training in PA for Sustainable Development"</i> Sala Ferdinand 1st floor				
<b>12:00 - 12:30</b>	<b>Award Ceremony and Closing of the Conference</b> Sala Ferdinand 1st floor				
<b>14:00 - 22:30</b>	<b>Sightseeing tour from Iași to Neamț County</b> Departure point: Unirea Hotel nr. 5, Piața Unirii, Iași				

# Detailed Programme

## Plenary Sessions

### Opening Plenary Session

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THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

9:30 - 10:45

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#### Opening Plenary Session

##### *Welcome and Opening Speeches*

Room: Aula Magna Mihai Eminescu Ground floor

**Juraj Nemec**, NISPAcee President, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

##### *Opening Speech*

**Tudorel Toader**, Elected Rector of Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași and Minister of Justice, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Iași, Romania

##### *Welcome Speech*

**Mihaela Onofrei**, Legal Representative of Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, University Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Iași, Romania

##### *Public Administration Schools in Romanian Higher Education*

**Petru Bogdan Cojocaru**, Minister of Communications and Information Society, Romania

##### *Public Administration Informatization*

**Maricel Popa**, President of Iași County Council, Romania

##### *Welcome Speech*

**Sergiu Cristian Manea**, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Management Board at Banca Comercială Română, Romania

##### *Education and Prosperity*

**Cord Meier-Klodt**, His Excellency, the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Romania, Germany

##### *Welcome Speech*

**Sofiane Sahraoui**, International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS), Brussels, Belgium

##### *IIAS Global Strategy for Partnership: Win-win Models of Partnerships with other learned Societies*

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THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

11:15 - 12:45

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#### Opening Plenary Session

Room: Aula Magna Mihai Eminescu Ground floor

##### *Conference Key-note Presentations*

##### *Alena Brunovska Award Ceremony*

##### *Mzia Mikeladze Award Ceremony*

**Key-note Speech: Public Values in Private Hands, Synergic or Conflictual Couple?**

Author/Presenter:

**Salvador Parrado**, Key - note Speaker, Spanish Distance Learning University - UNED, Madrid, Spain**New Mindset and new Competencies for the SDGs**

Author/Presenter:

**John Mary Kauzya**, Chief of Public Administration Capacity Branch DPADM/UNDESA, United Nations, New York, United States**Challenges to Doctoral Education in Public Administration in the NISPAcee Region**

Author/Presenter:

**Ringa Raudla**, Alena Brunovska Award Winner 2018, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia**Effective Governance for Public-Private Partnerships: Challenges and Solutions for existing Models**

Author/Presenter:

**Petr Witz**, Mzia Mikeldadze Award Winner 2018, Technical University of Denmark, Copenhagen, Denmark  
PhD graduate from Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic

## Business Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

17:45 - 18:45

### Business Meeting

Room: Sala Ferdinand 1st floor

Chair:

**Juraj Nemeč**, NISPAcee President, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

Speaker:

**Ludmila Gajdosova**, NISPAcee Executive Director, NISPAcee Headquarters, Bratislava, Slovakia

All conference participants are invited to the meeting. NISPAcee members, partners and potential new members are especially invited. The second part of the meeting will be devoted to their presentations and discussions focused on their expectations, ideas and proposals for further NISPAcee development.

**Report of activities 2017****Future plans****Financial report****Voting on the NISPAcee Directive on Membership Fees****Elections to the NISPAcee Steering Committee****Membership and opportunities for members****Others**

## Closing Plenary Session

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018

11:00 - 12:00

### Closing Roundtable

**"The Role of Education and Training in PA for Sustainable Development"**

Room: Sala Ferdinand 1st floor

*Chair:*

**Juraj Nemec**, NISPAcee President and the UN CEPA member (Committee of Experts on Public Administration of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, ECOSOC), Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

*Speaker:*

**John Mary Kauzya**, Chief of Public Administration Capacity Branch DPADM/UNDESA, United Nations, New York, United States

*Speaker:*

**Allan Rosenbaum**, Former UN CEPA member, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, United States

*Speaker:*

**Marius Profiroiu**, NISPAcee Immediate Past President, Vice-rector, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

This closing session focuses on the role of PA institutions and programmes in the enhancement of sustainable development, especially the implementation of SDGs, in line with the main theme of the NISPAcee Conference. Universities and training institutions are core to the development of capacities within national public administrations - the session should respond to the questions of how and what should be done for these capacities to be developed in order to implement the 2030 Agenda and achieve sustainable development goals.

The contributions of these institutions, especially within the NISPAcee region, and the main challenges they face and how to cope with them will also be discussed.

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SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018

12:00 - 12:30

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## Award Ceremony and Closing of the Conference

Room: Sala Ferdinand 1st floor

*Chair:*

**Juraj Nemec**, NISPAcee President, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

### NISPAcee Merit Award

to be presented to

**Marius Profiroiu**, NISPAcee Immediate Past President and Steering Committee member, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Faculty of Administration and Public Management, Romania, for his substantial support and contribution to NISPAcee's development and active participation in NISPAcee's activities.

### Award for the Best Graduate Student Paper

*Winner:*

**Moldovan Octavian**, Department of Public Administration and Management, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

*Paper:*

*The Development Regions of Romania and Local Revenue Collection Levels between 2008 and 2011*

### Award for the Best Comparative Paper

Two papers have been selected for the Award:

*Winners:*

**Ringa Raudla, Egert Juuse, Aleksandrs Cepilovs**, Ragnar Nurkse Department of Innovation and Governance, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia

*Paper:*

*Policy Learning from Crisis in Financial Regulation and Supervision: Overcoming Coordination Challenges?*

*Winners:*

**Paweł Swianiewicz** and **Anna Kurniewicz**, Department for Local Development and Policy, Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland and **Desislava Kalcheva**, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria

*Paper:*

*The Political Business Cycle in Policies of Tariffs for Local Public Services: A Comparison of Poland and Bulgaria*

### Invitation to the 27th NISPAcee Annual Conference 2019:

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# Pre-conference Events

## The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary JCPA Workshop

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018

10:00 - 12:00

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### The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary JCPA Workshop: Comparing Public Policy Process and Effects: Well-Being and Growth in Central and Eastern European Countries

#### Session 1

Room: Sala Senatului 1st floor

**Marius Profiroiu**, Workshop Convenor, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

**Calin Hintea**, Discussant, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

**Ada-Iuliana Popescu**, Discussant, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

**Mihaela Tofan**, Discussant, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

The 26<sup>th</sup> NISPAcee Annual Conference hosts the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Workshop of the Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis (JCPA: <https://comparativepolicy.org>) affiliated with our partner scholarly society, the JCPA-Forum. Such workshops are taking place throughout 2018 with ten other international associations. The JCPA is the only explicit journal of comparative policy studies and is recognized as having pioneered this domain. It grants the award for the best comparative paper at partner associations including NISPAcee, and involves institutional and individual members as well as authors, editorial board and council members, from Central and Eastern Europe ([www.comparativepolicy.org](http://www.comparativepolicy.org)).

The theme of the Workshop is Comparing Public Policy Process and Effects: Well-Being and Growth in Central and Eastern Europe Countries. This will be addressed in a comparative perspective, with the focus on the way public policy processes and their effects influence well-being in terms economic, social and cultural growth.

The goal of the workshop is to involve established and young scholars in a dialogue advancing comparative policy studies. By comparative it is meant comparisons between the policies or policy experiments of social units (nations, institutions, organizations, and others). The comparisons can put forward comparative methods, comparative theories, supporting or reinforcing policy practices.

Faced with unprecedented challenges, such as globalization, corruption, government mistrust, economic changes, an aging society and migration, governments across Central and Eastern Europe need more than ever to be able to design modern governance and policy instruments. Public policy comparisons can facilitate the design, implementation and know-how transfer of public policies between governments in the region. It is believed that the comparative approach allows for lesson drawing, inspiration, transfer or adaptation of success stories, and avoidance of failures. These can considerably improve the decision-making processes, as well as citizens' participation and quality of life.

*Paper:*

#### ***The Influence of Gender Policies on Leadership in Central Public Administration of Romania***

*Author(s):*

**Corina Cristiana Nastaca**, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

**Teodora Monica Fulga**, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Corina Cristiana Nastaca**, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

*Paper:*

#### ***Sponsoring Medical Specialists - Bribery or Activity regulated by the Law?***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Sandra Gradinaru**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

*Paper:*

#### ***Evolving policies on institutional architecture of the state in Europe: from agencification towards consolidation***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Dawid Szescilo**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

The time allocation for each presentation is 40 minutes, divided as follows:  
20 minutes for author presentation, 10 minutes for discussant presentation and 10 minutes for group discussion.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018

13:00 - 15:00

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## The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary JCPA Workshop: Comparing Public Policy Process and Effects: Well - Being and Growth in Central and Eastern European Countries

### Session 2

Room: Sala Senatului 1st floor

**Marius Profiroiu**, Workshop Convenor, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

**Calin Hinte**, Discussant, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

**Marius Profiroiu**, Discussant, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

**Bogdana Neamtu**, Discussant, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

*Paper:*

#### **Taxes and General Public Services. An Empirical Investigation**

*Author(s):*

**Sebastian Lazar**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

**Bogdan Gabriel Zugravu**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Iași, Romania

**Adina Dornean**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Iași, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Sebastian Lazar**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

*Paper:*

#### **The Comparative Analysis of the State Policy in the Sphere of the Education of Police Leaders in Great Britain and in Russia (XXI Century)**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Goulya Nurlybaeva**, The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Moscow, Russian Federation

*Paper:*

#### **A Comparative Framework for Studying the Policy - Making in the EU Pre - and Post - Accession CEE Countries: The Case of Quality Infrastructure Policy Making in Serbia**

*Author(s):*

**Jelena Ruso**, Belgrade University, Belgrade, Serbia

**Jovan Filipovic**, Belgrade University, Belgrade, Serbia

*Presenter(s):*

**Jovan Filipovic**, Belgrade University, Belgrade, Serbia

The time allocation for each presentation is 40 minutes, divided as follows:  
20 minutes for author presentation, 10 minutes for discussant presentation and 10 minutes for group discussion.

## PhD Pre - conference Seminar

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018

10:00 - 12:00

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### PhD Pre - conference Seminar

#### Session 1

Room: Sala Ferdinand 1st floor



*Chairs:*

**Michiel de Vries**, Radboud University Nijmegen, Nijmegen, Netherlands  
**Iwona Sobis**, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden

During the first part of this seminar, PhD students will receive information and advice from the Chairs and discuss how to improve the presentation of a paper and how to organise papers in such a way that these papers conform to the standards required to have them published.

*Paper:*

***Sustainable and Inclusive Innovation? - How the Quintuple Helix Model works in Practice***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Judit Szakos**, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary

*Paper:*

***Scientific Advice Platform at the Slovak Academy of Sciences***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Tomas Michalek**, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

*Paper:*

***Policy of free Lunches for Children from Unprivileged Families in the Czech Republic - Discourses and Frames***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Kamila Vlckova**, Charles University, Prague 1, Czech Republic

*Paper:*

***Local Initiative in Poland as a Form of Co - production of Public Services***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Bartosz Wilk**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

*Paper:*

***Institutions and Trade in the Republic of Moldova - European Union Economic Integration Process - Empirical Evidences of the Association Agreement Implementation***

*Author(s):*

**Ion Muschei**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Iași, Romania

**Carmen Gabriela Pascariu**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Iași, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Ion Muschei**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Iași, Romania

*Paper:*

***Relevance of Ethical Principles in Managerial Decisions in Romanian Public Hospitals***

*Author(s):*

**Marinela Carmen Pesclevei**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

**Daniela - Tatiana Agheorghiesei**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Iași, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Marinela Carmen Pesclevei**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018

13:00 - 14:30

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## PhD Pre-conference Seminar

### Session 2

Room: Sala Ferdinand 1st floor

*Chairs:*

**Michiel de Vries**, Radboud University Nijmegen, Nijmegen, Netherlands  
**Iwona Sobis**, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden

In the second session of the seminar, PhD students will learn how to improve their presentations and papers within a trusted environment. One part focuses on the structure of presentations; the second on the structure of the introduction and conclusion of papers; the third on the

theoretical section; the fourth on the methods section and the last one on the section in which the outcomes are presented.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018

14:45 - 16:00

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## PhD Pre - conference Seminar

### Session 3

Room: Sala Ferdinand 1st floor

*Chairs:*

**Michiel de Vries**, Radboud University Nijmegen, Nijmegen, Netherlands

**Iwona Sobis**, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden

The third session of the seminar addresses topics related to writing a dissertation. This can involve issues related to substance as well as the writing process. In this part of the seminar PhD students present their research plans and/or listen to other PhD students presenting their research plans, discuss these amongst themselves in a closed and trusted environment and will receive advice from the Chairs. Depending on the number of participants, one or more time-slots will be reserved for this part of the seminar.

# Sessions

## Main Conference Theme

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THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

14:00 - 15:30

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### Main Conference Theme

#### *Session 1: Projects and Plans directly related to promoting Economic Development*

Room: Sala Senatului 1st floor

*Chairs:*

**Calin Hinte**, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

**Roger Hamlin**, Michigan State University, East Lansing, United States

The main conference theme "Public Administration for Well - being and Growth" represents a focus of public administration across all types of governments and agencies and countries. As a focus, it is a thought process that should be on the mind of all public administrators.

In some people's view parts of the theme can be opposed to the other. A focus on wellbeing might be viewed as a goal for a healthier environment, greater emphasis on recreation, social justice, medical institutions and mental health systems. It can be interpreted as a need to slow down growth and focus on the individual, think more about their environment, social needs, and health concerns.

'Growth' might be perceived in just economic terms and may conjure up images of industrial expansion, massive transportation infrastructure, and sprawling cities. For some growth, means traffic congestion, a greater cost of living, more complicated bureaucratic systems and an increase in life's tensions.

However the phrase, 'work smarter not harder' may be relevant here. Growth can mean a variety of things. Economic growth does not have to lead to negative consequences. Yes, chaotic economic growth can cause environmental cost burdens that take years to clean up and ultimately slow down growth. It often means uneven development which enriches some, to the detriment of many others, and which will often restrict economic development further down the road.

But, careful, more thoughtful and controlled economic growth can avoid these concerns and create a more sustainable, long - term

development. Economic growth is important to wellbeing. It provides the opportunity for work and income which enhance one's wellbeing not only materialistically, but, by providing hope and offering the independence, dignity and self worth of employment and income.

Also, the word 'grow' implies more than just economic growth. It can mean maturity, the maturity of our understanding of the importance of the public sector and its effective function. Growth in maturity can mean raising our ethical standards, and improving the way in which we interact with and empower citizens.

The theme of the conference calls for papers that address the focus of public administration on the well - being of every individual while promoting the wealth, and stature and maturity of our communities through sustainable development, including building the capacity of public institutions. How can we balance these goals, look for synergistic and complementary growth while focusing on wellbeing? How can we develop the quality of life of our national and local communities by building smarter public institutions?

*Paper:*

***Social Movements of Central-Eastern Europe: Examining Trends of Cooperation and Antagonism by Using Big Data***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Reka Zsuzsanna Mathe**, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary

*Paper:*

***Cluj-Napoca's Metropolitan Area's Economy; Competitiveness and Challenges***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Bogdan Andrei Moldovan**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

*Paper:*

***Sustainable Development for Metropolitan Areas in Romania: A Plea in favor of Functional Specialization***

*Author(s):*

**Bogdana Neamtu**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

**Calin Hintea**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

**Viorel Stanica**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Bogdana Neamtu**, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

*Paper:*

***Perceptions of and Measures to Reduce Tax - Related Administrative Burdens in SMEs***

*Author(s):*

**Dejan Ravselj**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**Polona Kovac**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**Aleksander Aristovnik**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

*Presenter(s):*

**Aleksander Aristovnik**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**Marko Ropret**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

*Paper:*

***Public Governance Models: A systematic Review of 30 Years' Research***

*Author(s):*

**Marko Ropret**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**Aleksander Aristovnik**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

*Presenter(s):*

**Marko Ropret**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

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SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018

9:00 - 10:30

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## Main Conference Theme

### *Session 2: How improved Practices in PA promote Growth and well being*

Room: Sala Senatului 1st floor

*Chairs:*

**Calin Hintea**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

**Roger Hamlin**, Michigan State University, East Lansing, United States

*Paper:*

***Willingness to pay for Public Healthcare - The Cost of Performance and Value***

*Author(s):*

**Ioana Teodora Bitoiu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

**Florin Marius Popa**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

**Crina Radulescu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Ioana Teodora Bitoiu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

*Paper:*

***The NISPAcee Journal's Contribution to Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe***

*Author(s):*

**Žiga Kotnik**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**Polona Kovac**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

*Presenter(s):*

**Žiga Kotnik**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

*Paper:*

***Cutting through the Thicket: Tensions and Positions in the Public Value Debates***

*Author(s):*

**Michal Sedlacko**, University of Applied Science FH Campus Wien, Vienna, Austria

**Julia Dahlvik**, University of Applied Science FH Campus Wien, Vienna, Austria

*Presenter(s):*

**Michal Sedlacko**, University of Applied Science FH Campus Wien, Vienna, Austria

## General Session

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THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

16:00 - 17:30

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### General Session

#### ***Session 1: The Agenda for Good Governance: Dealing with Inequality, Legal Disputes, Corruption and Fiscal Sustainability***

Room: Room III.9 – Matei Cantacuzino 1st floor

*Chairs:*

**Marius Profiroiu**, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

**Eka Akobia**, Caucasus University, Tbilisi, Georgia

In order to include a wide array of potential contributors and to make the NISPAcee Annual Conference even more attractive to Public Administration and Policy scholars, experts, and practitioners and to further enhance its position as one of the most important meetings in the field internationally, the NISPAcee Annual Conference again includes General Sessions, in which papers that cover topics, which go beyond the conference or working group themes, can be presented.

*Paper:*

***Inequality of Income: Causes and Consequences***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Donald Fuller**, American University of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia

*Paper:*

***The Process of Separation of Ownership in Co - owned Companies of the Tel Aviv Municipality and the State of Israel - Case Study***

*Author(s):*

**Avi Ketko**, Tel Aviv Municipality, Tel Aviv, Israel

**Maria Viorica Bedrule - Grigoruta**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Avi Ketko**, Tel Aviv Municipality, Tel Aviv, Israel

*Paper:*

***When does Transparency mobilize Citizens against Corruption?***

*Author(s):*

**Marius Profiroiu**, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

**Gregory Porumbescu**, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, United States

*Presenter(s):*

**Marius Profiroiu**, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

*Paper:*

***Fiscal Responsibility Legal Framework - New Paradigm for Sustainability in the EU***

*Author(s):*

**Mihaela Tofan**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

**Anca Florentina Vatamanu**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Iași, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Mihaela Tofan**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

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FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

9:00 - 10:30

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## General Session

### *Session 2: Providing Services for the Vulnerable: Children, Youth and the Asylum Seekers*

Room: Room III.9 – Matei Cantacuzino 1st floor

*Chairs:*

**Marius Profiroiu**, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

**Eka Akobia**, Caucasus University, Tbilisi, Georgia

*Paper:*

***Policy of free Lunches for Children from Unprivileged Families in the Czech Republic - Discourses and Frames***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Kamila Vlckova**, Charles University, Prague 1, Czech Republic

*Paper:*

***The Asylum Procedure and its Institutional Context: Dehumanization and Alienation in Bureaucratic Practice***

*Author(s):*

**Michal Sedlacko**, University of Applied Science FH Campus Wien, Vienna, Austria

**Julia Dahlvik**, University of Applied Science FH Campus Wien, Vienna, Austria

*Presenter(s):*

**Michal Sedlacko**, University of Applied Science FH Campus Wien, Vienna, Austria

*Paper:*

***Performance Measurement in Public Universities in Romania - Status and future Trends***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Camelia Cojocaru**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

*Paper:*

***Government and Governance under Pressure of Political and Legal Constitutionalism***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Istvan Stumpf**, Szechenyi Istvan University, Gyor, Hungary

*Paper:*

***Relevance of Ethical Principles in Managerial Decisions in Romanian Public Hospitals***

*Author(s):*

**Marinela Carmen Pesclevei**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

**Daniela - Tatiana Agheorghiesei**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Iași, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Marinela Carmen Pesclevei**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

# Panels

## EAPAA Panel - European Association for Public Administration Accreditation

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FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

11:00 - 12:30

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### EAPAA Panel - European Association for Public Administration Accreditation

Room: Sala Senatului 1st floor

*Chair:*

**Taco Brandsen**, EAPAA (European Association for Public Administration Accreditation), Enschede, Netherlands

*Co-chair:*

**Juraj Nemec**, EAPAA Board member, former member of the EAPAA Accreditation Committee, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

*Speaker:*

**Calin Hinte**, EAPAA Accreditation Committee member, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

*Speaker:*

**Bogdana Neamtu**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

*Speaker:*

**Marius Profiroiu**, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

*Speaker:*

**Gyorgy Hajnal**, EAPAA Accreditation Committee member, Corvinus University of Budapest and Centre for Social Research of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (CSR HAS), Budapest, Hungary

The goal of this panel will be to discuss the perspectives and benefits of EAPAA accreditation and certification in the CEE region. The specific goal of the panel will be to discuss relations between accreditation and certification, the way in which we decide when to apply for certification as the final goal, certification as the pre-step towards accreditation or directly for accreditation.

The panel will also discuss strategic issues in the management of PA programmes, including the internationalisation of the programmes and their staff, structural changes of curricula (national versus international) and the effects of new technologies on PA teaching. Opportunities for an acceptance of the EAPAA accreditation by national accreditation bodies will also be reviewed.

## ReSPA Panel

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FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

11:00 - 12:30

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### ReSPA Panel

#### *Supporting Public Administration Reform (PAR) through Regional Cooperation in Western Balkans*

Room: Sala Ferdinand 1st floor

*Chair:*

**Zorana Gajic**, ReSPA (Regional School of Public Administration), Danilovgrad, Montenegro

#### **ReSPA Video Presentation**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Zorana Gajic**, ReSPA (Regional School of Public Administration), Danilovgrad, Montenegro

#### **ReSPA Achievements and Current Activities in Western Balkans**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Zorana Gajic**, ReSPA (Regional School of Public Administration), Danilovgrad, Montenegro

**ReSPA Study: Case - law of the European Court of Human Rights Applicable in Administrative Disputes***Author/Presenter:***Selma Dzihanovic - Gratz**, Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**ReSPA Study: Recommendation on Public Participation in Policy - making Process***Author/Presenter:***Selma Dzihanovic - Gratz**, Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**ReSPA Study: Quality Management in Public Administration and Public Services in Western Balkans***Author/Presenter:***Jahi Jahija**, ReSPA Governing Board Member, Ministry of Information Society and Administration of the Republic of Macedonia, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)**ReSPA Study: Methodological Guide for Costing of Government Strategies***Author/Presenter:***Jahi Jahija**, ReSPA Governing Board Member, Ministry of Information Society and Administration of the Republic of Macedonia, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)**ReSPA Study: Implementation of Merit Recruitment Procedures for Public Service***Author/Presenter:***Zorana Gajic**, ReSPA (Regional School of Public Administration), Danilovgrad, Montenegro**ReSPA's New Strategic Framework 2019-2024***Author/Presenter:***Zorana Gajic**, ReSPA (Regional School of Public Administration), Danilovgrad, Montenegro

## Panel on Management and Leadership in the Public Sector

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

11:00 - 12:30

### Panel on Management and Leadership in the Public Sector

Room: Room III.12 - A. Philippide 1st floor

*Chairs:***Camelia Cojocaru**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania**Magdalena Iordache-Platis**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

Management and leadership topics been dealt with from different angles in the last decades. Strategic human resources management, as well as public leadership challenges are on the agenda of the European Union.

What makes good management in the public sector?

Is strategic and visionary leadership at the core of management in the public sector? Combining these elements in the best possible manner is a prerequisite for results in public organizations.

Within this framework, contributions were invited discussing the implications related to different public organizations management and leadership, from health to education, central or local administration, without limiting the potential spectrum of interest. Particular attention is paid to empirical research for transition economies in general and the case of Central and Eastern Europe in particular.

*Paper:***Enhancing Leadership in the Public Sector; specific Competences and Determinants in the sharing Economy***Author(s):***Magdalena Iordache - Platis**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania**Oana Iucu**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania*Presenter(s):***Magdalena Iordache - Platis**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

*Paper:*

***Transferring University Research to Innovation Hubs - A Managerial Approach***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Camelia Cojocaru**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

*Paper:*

***New Trends for Application Interoperability in Romania - Use of ITandC in Crisis Management and Emergency Medicine***

*Author(s):*

**Camelia Cojocaru**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

**Silviu Cojocaru**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Camelia Cojocaru**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

## Panel on Public Sector Coordination in CEE and Beyond

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FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

14:00 - 15:30

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### Panel on Public Sector Coordination in CEE and Beyond

Room: Sala Ferdinand 1st floor

*Chair:*

**Kylli Sarapuu**, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia

Public sector coordination has become one of the key issues in contemporary public administration discourse. Governments worldwide have introduced new coordination arrangements to counteract 'siloization', integrate different parts of the public sector, foster joint problem - solving across organizational boundaries and to increase government capacity. In various contexts these processes have been different. However, the available studies on public sector coordination and core executive dynamics mostly come from long-established democracies, Western Europe or countries with an Anglo - American administrative tradition. There is considerably less knowledge available on coordination in the NISPAcee area. Although the coordination issues have been discussed in several NISPAcee working groups, especially the working group on politico - administrative relations, there is a noticeable gap in covering the more recent developments. The panel aims to fill this gap.

*Paper:*

***The Public Policy Process and the Interests and Actors Around***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Laszlo Vass**, Budapest Metropolitan University, Budapest, Hungary

*Paper:*

***Policy Learning from Crisis in Financial Regulation and Supervision: Overcoming Coordination Challenges?***

*Author(s):*

**Ringa Raudla**, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia

**Aleksandrs Cepilovs**, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia

**Egert Juuse**, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia

*Presenter(s):*

**Ringa Raudla**, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia

*Paper:*

***Firm Hierarchy or joined - up Government? Coordination in Polish Government Administration***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Jowanka Jakubek - Lalik**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

*Paper:*

***Core Executive in Central and Eastern Europe: Planning Government Work in Estonia***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Kylli Sarapuu**, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia



# Panel on Innovation and Growth in a Smart Public Sector – Grassroots Best Practice

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

14:00 - 15:30

## Panel on Innovation and Growth in a Smart Public Sector – Grassroots Best Practice

Room: Sala Senatului 1st floor

*Chairs:*

**Diana - Camelia Iancu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

**Adriana Circiumaru**, National Agency of Civil Servants, Bucharest, Romania

Comparative best practices provide added value to public administration research. Public administration today faces complex challenges: citizens' trust in government declines around Europe and populism rises; high corruption allegations are widespread across Europe and democratic backsliding in the CEE region is presently abundantly researched. Learning how local and central governments manage to face these challenges, discussing grassroots experiences and results is important for the development and relevance of public administration research.

### ***Protecting the Environment with the Legislation on Prevention and Management of Emergency Situations***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Nicolae Drăghiea**, The Institution of the Prefect - Mehedinti, Drobeta Turnu Severin, Romania

### ***Preparing Local Governments for Data Protection Reform in Austria, Bulgaria, Greece, Latvia, Romania and Slovakia***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Catalin Dumitrica**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

### ***Means and Methods to develop small and medium sized Farms***

*Author(s):*

**Carmen - Elena Radu**, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, BUCHAREST, Romania

**Eduard Elefteriu**, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Carmen - Elena Radu**, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, BUCHAREST, Romania

### ***Social Inclusion for Children through Education***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Adriana Circiumaru**, National Agency of Civil Servants, Bucharest, Romania

### ***Developing Quality and Cost Standards for Public Services in Romania***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Octavian Daniel Popa**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

### ***Erasmus + projects in Romanian universities - Case study from NSPSPA***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Crina Radulescu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

### ***People from Roman decide! Assessing Citizens' Satisfaction and their Involvement in the decisional Process***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Diana - Camelia Iancu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

# Panel on The Impact of Behavioral Economics on Policy-Making

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

14:00 - 15:30

## Panel on The Impact of Behavioral Economics on Policy - Making

Room: Room III.12 - A. Philippide 1st floor

### *Chairs:*

**Camelia Cojocaru**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

**Rodica Ianole-Calin**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

The proliferation of public initiatives rooted in behavioral insights has gradually extended from the US towards Europe, with an increasing number of nudge units being established at country levels and significant support exhibited from the European Commission.

Within this framework contributions are invited discussing implications related to different public policy areas, from health to education, energy, consumption and savings, poverty and inequality, or labor markets, without limiting the potential spectrum of interest. Particular attention is paid to empirical research for transition economies in general and the case of Central and Eastern Europe in particular.

### *Paper:*

#### ***Taxes and General Public Services. An Empirical Investigation***

##### *Author(s):*

**Sebastian Lazar**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

**Bogdan Gabriel Zugravu**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Iași, Romania

**Adina Dornean**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Iași, Romania

##### *Presenter(s):*

**Sebastian Lazar**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

### *Paper:*

#### ***Using Behavioral Economics Insights for Better Decision-Making within the Healthcare System in Romania***

##### *Author(s):*

**Rodica Ianole - Calin**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

**Elena Druică**, University of Bucharest, Romania

##### *Presenter(s):*

**Rodica Ianole - Calin**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

### *Paper:*

#### ***Regulating the Urban Commons: Using Behavioral Insights for Mechanism Design – A Romanian Case Study***

##### *Author/Presenter:*

**Rodica Ianole - Calin**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

# Working Groups

## I. Working Group on Local Government

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THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

14:00 - 15:30

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### I. Working Group on Local Government

#### *Session 1: Local Government Reforms and Consequences*

Room: Sala Ferdinand 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Michiel de Vries**, Radboud University Nijmegen, Nijmegen, Netherlands

**Ilona Palne Kovacs**, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary

The Working Group on Local Governance deals with all sub - national levels of governance from several points of view: regulation, structure, organisation, functioning, finance, representation, election, and public policies etc. The WG especially welcomes empirical research results, comparative analysis, but also welcomes theoretical contributions.

**Central theme for 2018:** Shift between centralisation and decentralisation

In many countries, local governments have been given more functions within the framework of decentralisation. Nowadays, the consequences have become visible in sometimes an improved, but also a deteriorated service delivery. In addition, recently, the opposite trend, namely towards re - centralisation is seen. This takes place, if not in taking back the responsibility of policies from local governments by national governments, then by setting stricter regulations and boundary conditions on the workings of local governments in decentralised areas. Local governments react differently. Sometimes one sees amalgamations, and at other times, inter - municipal cooperation and/or mergers of local administrations. All these trends have their merits and drawbacks.

Furthermore, these developments beg the question as to what municipalities can learn from developments taking place in this regard in other countries. The developments have an impact on urban-rural networks, as well as on the classic issue of decentralisation and centralisation.

*Paper:*

#### ***Lasting Independence or creeping Re-centralization? The Case of Polish Local Government***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Jowanka Jakubek - Lalik**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

*Paper:*

#### ***Decentralization in Kazakhstan and Poland: A comparative Study***

*Author(s):*

**Bakhytzhan Kurmanov**, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan

**Ilyas Yesdauletov**, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan

*Presenter(s):*

**Bakhytzhan Kurmanov**, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan

*Paper:*

#### ***Regarding Designs for Fiscal Rule and Fiscal Decentralization in Romania***

*Author(s):*

**Mihaela Onofrei**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

**Tudorel Toader**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Iași, Romania

**Elena Cigu**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Mihaela Onofrei**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

*Paper:*

#### ***Local Government Reforms in Poland and Hungary from a Comparative Perspective. Convergent and Divergent Developments***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Lucyna Rajca**, Jan Kochanowski University, Kielce, Poland

## I. Working Group on Local Government *Session 2: Local Actors and Decision Making*

Room: Sala Ferdinand 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Michiel de Vries**, Radboud University Nijmegen, Nijmegen, Netherlands

**Ilona Palne Kovacs**, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary

*Paper:*

***How to become a Mayor? Mayors' Careers, Behaviour and Seniority***

*Author(s):*

**Joanna Krukowska**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

**Aistė Lazauskienė**, Siauliai University, Siauliai, Lithuania **Jérémy Dodeigne**

*Presenter(s):*

**Joanna Krukowska**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

*Paper:*

***Vertical and horizontal power relations of European mayors – does the size of a municipality matter?***

*Author(s):*

**Marta Lackowska**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

**Pawel Swianiewicz**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

*Presenter(s):*

**Pawel Swianiewicz**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

*Paper:*

***Different Groups of Supporters of the Mayor in the Case of Cohabitation in Polish Municipalities***

*Author(s):*

**Monika Sidor**, Maria Curie - Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland

**Justyna Wasil**, Maria Curie - Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland

**Katarzyna Kuc-Czajkowska**, Maria Curie - Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland

*Presenter(s):*

**Monika Sidor**, Maria Curie - Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland

*Paper:*

***Determinants of Competitiveness in Mayoral Elections in Slovakia***

*Author(s):*

**Matus Sloboda**, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

**Tomas Cernenko**, University of Economics of Bratislava, Bratislava, Slovakia

*Presenter(s):*

**Matus Sloboda**, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

*Paper:*

***Efficiency Estimation of Public Authorities Activity in the Region: The Case of Russian Federation***

*Author(s):*

**Irina Glebova**, Kazan Federal University, Kazan, Russian Federation

**Nailya Bagautdinova**, Kazan Federal University, Kazan, Russian Federation

**O. V. Polyakova**

*Presenter(s):*

**Irina Glebova**, Kazan Federal University, Kazan, Russian Federation

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

9:00 - 10:30

**I. Working Group on Local Government****Session 3: Local Services and Infrastructure**

Room: Sala Ferdinand 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinator:***Daniel Klimovsky**, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

"Smart city policies" are considered to be one of the most powerful tools to deal with contemporary urban challenges, to lead sustainable growth and to ameliorate citizens' lifestyle. The implementation of such policies is not so easy and is posing important technological, economic and regulatory challenges to local administrators as well as decision - makers. The main aim of the session is to analyse how traditional and innovative urban services and infrastructures have been implemented and reorganised, what instruments/tools have been adopted and what intended or unintended results have been obtained.

*Paper:***Public Service is Best when People do not talk about It***Author/Presenter:***Mirko Pecaric**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia*Paper:***Smart City Attitudes of Hungarian Cities***Author/Presenter:***Mihaly Lados**, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

16:00 - 17:30

**I. Working Group on Local Government****Session 4: Local and Regional Development**

Room: Sala Ferdinand 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:***Michiel de Vries**, Radboud University Nijmegen, Nijmegen, Netherlands**Ilona Palne Kovacs**, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary*Paper:***The Future of the CLLD / LEADER Method and the Interrelations of Local Government Development Opportunities***Author/Presenter:***Istvan Finta**, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary*Paper:***Learning to win: The Case of European - funded Projects for the Romanian Rural Municipalities***Author/Presenter:***Anca Monica Marin**, Research Institute for Quality of Life, Bucharest, Romania*Paper:***County Governments for the Developemnt***Author/Presenter:***Ilona Palne Kovacs**, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary*Paper:***Public Marketing in Romania: Longitudinal Study on Use of Marketing Tools in Local Government***Author(s):***Tudor Cristian Ticlau**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania**Cristina Hintea**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania*Presenter(s):***Tudor Cristian Ticlau**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

*Paper:*

***The Potential of Municipalities to Foster Local Community***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Robert Kovacs**, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary

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9:00 - 10:30

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**I. Working Group on Local Government**

***Session 5: Functional Issues, the Scale of Local Governance***

Room: Sala Ferdinand 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Michiel de Vries**, Radboud University Nijmegen, Nijmegen, Netherlands

**Ilona Palne Kovacs**, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary

*Paper:*

***Lessons from local Collectivities on improving the Homeless Situation. Comparative Perspective***

*Author(s):*

**Cristina Elena Nicolescu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

**Ionut - Bogdan Berceanu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

**Cezar Corneliu Manda**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Faculty of Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Ionut - Bogdan Berceanu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

*Paper:*

***Complementarity institutions of governance at the local level: Russian provincial specificity***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Juri Plusnin**, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russian Federation

*Paper:*

***Coping with financial Difficulties of Municipalities – A different Perspective***

*Author(s):*

**Iztok Rakar**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**Jože Benčina**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**Maja Klun**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

*Presenter(s):*

**Iztok Rakar**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

*Paper:*

***The Capacity of Hamlets***

*Author(s):*

**Iwona Sobis**, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden

**Michiel de Vries**, Radboud University Nijmegen, Nijmegen, Netherlands

*Presenter(s):*

**Iwona Sobis**, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden

**Michiel de Vries**, Radboud University Nijmegen, Nijmegen, Netherlands

*Paper:*

***The Impact of Municipal Territorial Reforms on Economic Performance of Local Governments. Meta - analysis of Existing Academic Studies***

*Author(s):*

**Pawel Swianiewicz**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

**Adam Gendzwill**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

**Anna Kurniewicz**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

*Presenter(s):*

**Pawel Swianiewicz**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

## II. Working Group on e-Government

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

14:00 - 15:30

### II. Working Group on E - government

#### Session 1

Room: Room III.12 - A. Philippide 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Andras Nemeslaki**, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Budapest, Hungary

**David Duenas - Cid**, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia

The e - Government Working Group invites innovative contributions concerning the influence of information communication technologies (ICT) on government, public administration, public policy and the public sector in general. The main focus and differentiation is not only discovering some of the special challenges originating from the CEE region, but also contributing to the general discourses on digital transformation of citizens, institutions and governance.

Specific goals for 2018:

1. Digital service innovation: How various ICT and digital technologies are used in transforming processes, structures, stakeholder relations etc. in order to innovate government and public service delivery.
2. E - participation: How ICT enhances democratic processes, collaboration, co - creation and by doing so how e - solutions contribute to building better communities. Within this stream of research we are especially looking for cases, empirical findings relating to local governments and communities on how more active and effective citizens' involvement can be achieved.
3. Social media use in the field of e - government and e - governance: Innovative use of social media in local or central government practices, communication processes, service delivery and in citizens' engagement.

Beyond these specific topics, the Working Group is also open to contributions on other evergreen aspects of e - governance research, such as the concepts of open data, challenges of privacy and security, transparency and new dilemmas of multi - level governance.

*Paper:*

#### **Cost Analysis of the Estonian Municipal Elections**

*Author(s):*

**David Duenas - Cid**, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia

**Robert Krimmer**, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia

**Iuliia Krivososova**, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia

*Presenter(s):*

**David Duenas-Cid**, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia

*Paper:*

#### **Street - level Experiences of School Digitalization: Supportive, obstructive or irrelevant for School Autonomy? - How Swedish and Polish Headmasters understand Digitalization and its Implications**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Johan Sandén**, Sodertorn University, Huddinge, Sweden

*Paper:*

#### **Patterns of Social-Media Use in the Local Governments in selected CEE Countries**

*Author(s):*

**David Spacek**, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

**Nicolae Urs**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

**Andras Nemeslaki**, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Budapest, Hungary

**Mihály Csótó**, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary

**Tina Jukic**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

*Presenter(s):*

**Nicolae Urs**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

*Paper:*

**A stepping Stone to new Generation of proactive Disclosure of Information of Public Importance in Serbia**

*Author(s):*

**Sanja Nasevski**, Belgrade Open School, Belgrade, Serbia

*Presenter(s):*

**Vanja Dolapcev**, Belgrade Open School, Belgrade, Serbia

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## II. Working Group on E-government

### Session 2

Room: Room III.12 - A. Philippide 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Andras Nemeslaki**, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Budapest, Hungary

**David Duenas - Cid**, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia

*Paper:*

**Methodology for the Calculation of Costs in Multi-Channel Elections**

*Author(s):*

**David Duenas-Cid**, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia

**Robert Krimmer**, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia

**Iuliia Krivonosova**, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia

*Presenter(s):*

**David Duenas - Cid**, Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia

*Paper:*

**Regulation of Cybersecurity Governance**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Tamas Szadeczky**, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary

*Paper:*

**Advanced Assessment of the Level of Websites' Development of Chosen Slovak Municipalities**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Tomáš Malec**, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia



## III. Working Group on Public Administration Reform

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

14:00 - 15:30

### III. Working Group on Public Administration Reform

#### *Session 1: Change and Performance in Public Sector: Comparative Insights*

Room: Room Alexandru Myler Ground floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Veronica Junjan**, University of Twente, AE Enschede, Netherlands

**Diana - Camelia Iancu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

The Working Group on Public Administration Reform has traditionally been an arena for debating and comparing the dynamics of institutions and organisations promoting a professional, merit-based and neutral civil service. Its initial focus on new EU Member States from Central and Eastern Europe and the Baltics has developed and today, the Group also benefits from the research contributions and grassroots experiences of academics and practitioners from Europe, Central Asia and beyond.

For 2018, the Group aims to channel discussions around the core values of public action - such as well-being and happiness, and their reflection in current state leadership.

Whilst some scholars have increasingly focused on finding what makes people happy and why policy - makers should learn about that (Helliwell et al. 2014, Clark et al. 2017), others have critically approached the measurement of well - being and suggested alternatives to the existing trends (Diener et al. 2009, Daeton 2012). Additional researches investigated resilience (at individual, organisational and community level) as the capacity to endure, adjust to, and recover from unexpected events. Resilience, such as the capacity to recover, was seen to be important in the process of re - constructing well - being at different societal levels. Given the multiple waves of reforms and challenges of the recent years (ranging from economic and financial crises to climate change), resilience needs to be better understood as part of providing societal well - being.

As such, and following the commitment from OECD (2016) "to put people's well - being at the centre of governments' efforts" and the conditions necessary for achieving their happiness, as described in The World Happiness Report (2017): "high levels of mutual trust, shared purpose, generosity and good governance", the Working Group on Public Administration Reform welcomes researches that explain and reflect on the current political, social and economic turmoil and its impact on the traditional scope of governance. What roles should governments undertake in order to support the sustainable growth of their respective communities? How could think tanks, community leaders and ordinary citizens contribute to making policy - makers aware of their misery or well - being? What impact does the ideological envelope of good governance bear and what stories does the research on development aid have to share? Comparative analyses on different policy choices in support of sustainable growth, as well as innovative models for measuring well - being and resilience are especially welcome.

*Paper:*

#### ***Sector Characteristics and Change - Oriented Behavior by Public Employees: Cross - National Evidence from the Government Competitiveness Global Survey***

*Author(s):*

**Jesse Campbell**, Incheon National University, Incheon, Republic of Korea

Tobin Im, Seoul National University

*Presenter(s):*

**Jesse Campbell**, Incheon National University, Incheon, Republic of Korea

*Paper:*

#### ***Institutions and Trade in the Republic of Moldova – European Union Economic Integration Process - Empirical Evidences of the Association Agreement Implementation***

*Author(s):*

**Ion Muschei, Alexandru Ioan Cuza** University of Iași, Romania, Iași, Romania

Carmen Gabriela Pascariu, Center for European Studies Faculty of Law „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Ion Muschei**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Iași, Romania

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### III. Working Group on Public Administration Reform

#### Session 2: Innovation(s) in Public Sector: Lessons learnt

Room: Room Alexandru Myler Ground floor

WG Programme Coordinators:

**Veronica Junjan**, University of Twente, AE Enschede, Netherlands

**Diana - Camelia Iancu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

Paper:

**Sustainable and inclusive Innovation? - How the Quintuple Helix Model works in Practice**

Author/Presenter:

**Judit Szakos**, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary

Paper:

**"It takes two?": Analyzing the Roles of Governments, Universities and NGOs in generating Local Innovative Projects in Romania**

Author(s):

**Diana - Camelia Iancu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

**Mihai Ungureanu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

Presenter(s):

**Diana - Camelia Iancu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

Paper:

**Knowledge - based Economy, Public Administration and Legitimacy: Possible Linkages**

Author/Presenter:

**Emilija Tudzarovska Gjorgjievska**, Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Praha, Czech Republic

Paper:

**Ministerial Advisory Centres in Slovak Republic: Accounts of Governing and the Boundary between Politics and Impartial Expertise**

Author(s):

**Michal Sedlacko**, University of Applied Science FH Campus Wien, Vienna, Austria

**Katarina Staronova**, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

Presenter(s):

**Michal Sedlacko**, University of Applied Science FH Campus Wien, Vienna, Austria

Paper:

**I.D.E.A.S. - Inclusion.Diversity.Equality.Awareness.Success.**

Author/Presenter:

**Adriana Circiumaru**, National Agency of Civil Servants, Bucharest, Romania

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### III. Working Group on Public Administration Reform

#### Session 3: Challenges to Public Sector Development in Europe and Central Asia

Room: Room Alexandru Myler Ground floor

WG Programme Coordinators:

**Veronica Junjan**, University of Twente, AE Enschede, Netherlands

**Diana - Camelia Iancu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

Paper:

**Public Sector Reform in Central Asia and the Caucasus**

Author/Presenter:

**Colin Knox**, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan

*Paper:*

**Migration Governance and Shadow Economy in Russia**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Rustamjon Urinboyev**, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

*Paper:*

**Institutional Changes in Public Service Delivery: Methodological Approach for Performance Evaluating and Case of one Siberian Region**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Evgeny Kapoguzov**, Omsk State University. F.M. Dostoyevsky, Omsk, Russian Federation

*Paper:*

**Empirical Insight on the Implementation of the Law on the Transparency of the Decision - Making Process**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Bianca Radu**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

*Paper:*

**Changing Patterns of Performance Management Appraisal in Civil Service: An Outlook on 16 European Countries**

*Author(s):*

**Katarina Staronova**, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

**Gyorgy Hajnal**, Corvinus University of Budapest and Centre for Social Research of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (CSR HAS), Budapest, Hungary

*Presenter(s):*

**Gyorgy Hajnal**, Corvinus University of Budapest and Centre for Social Research of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (CSR HAS), Budapest, Hungary

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### III. Working Group on Public Administration Reform

#### Session 4: Reflections on Public Administration: An Outlook of Theory and Practice

Room: Room Alexandru Myler Ground floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Veronica Junjan**, University of Twente, AE Enschede, Netherlands

**Diana - Camelia Iancu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

*Paper:*

**What should the Government do (or not do)? Tasks of Government. A Literature Overview**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Veronica Junjan**, University of Twente, AE Enschede, Netherlands

*Paper:*

**Relation between Politicians and Bureaucrats: The Case of Romania**

*Author(s):*

**Bianca Radu**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

**Liviu Radu**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Liviu Radu**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

*Paper:*

**Reform in the Area of the Governance of Common Issues to large Cities and their urbanized Solutions in the Polish Legal System**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Maciej Pisz**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

*Paper:*

**Effects of formalized Selection Proceedings in CEOs' Allocations to Slovak public Companies**

*Author(s):*

**Matus Sloboda**, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

**Emilia Sicakova - Beblava**, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

*Presenter(s):*

**Matus Sloboda**, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

## IV. Working Group on Regional Cooperation and Inter - regional Development

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THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

14:00 - 15:30

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### IV. Working Group on Regional Cooperation and Inter - regional Development

#### *Session 1: Regional Development, its Quality and Strategy*

Room: Room III.11 – G. Ibrăileanu 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinator:*

**Alexey Barabashev**, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russian Federation

The aim of the Working Group on Regional Development and Inter-regional Co - operation is to identify, explore and disseminate new research within the broad field of regional governance and create a platform for academics and practitioners to debate and advance new scholarship and solutions to pressing issues. Our main focus is on the theory and practice of regional development and inter - regional cooperation on different levels (from state to local, municipal) and aspects (administrative in its relations with social, economic, cultural), to cover the history and good practices of the process.

In 2018 the Working Group concentrates on the effects of social and political uncertainty on regional governance and inter - regional co - operation, and bring the work under the umbrella title of: "Regional Governance in Uncertain Times".

We are therefore inviting contributions that broadly fall within the following topics:

- the challenges to regional governance in an age of social and political uncertainty;
- regional and municipal cooperation as a catalyst for regional development;
- the role of cooperative regional clusters in Europe and neighbouring countries in promoting good governance.

*Paper:*

**Local Municipal Strategic Planning in Russia: Present Conditions and Empirical Testing**

*Author(s):*

**Alexey Barabashev**, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russian Federation

**Sergey Semenov**, National University of Science and Technology (MISiS), Moscow, Russian Federation

*Presenter(s):*

**Alexey Barabashev**, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russian Federation

*Paper:*

**Study of Labor Market Flexibility in CEE Countries**

*Author(s):*

**Ana - Maria Bercu**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

**Ana Iolanda Voda**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Iași, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Ana - Maria Bercu**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

*Paper:*

**Quality of Governance and EU Regional Policy. Evidence from Bulgaria.**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Elena Kalfova**, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Sofia, Bulgaria

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

16:00 - 17:30

## IV. Working Group on Regional Cooperation and Inter - regional Development

### Session 2: Inter - regional Cooperation

Room: Room III.11 – G. Ibrăileanu 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinator:*

**Alexey Barabashev**, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russian Federation

*Paper:*

**Intermunicipal Cooperation in Lithuania: Does it always go together with Regional Policy?**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Arvydas Mikalauskas**, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania

*Paper:*

**Best HR - Practices Competition as a Tool of Interregional Collaboration and Experience Exchange**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Tatiana Zaytseva**, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow, Russian Federation

## V. Working Group on Public Finance and Public Financial Management

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

16:00 - 17:30

## V. Working Group on Public Finance and Financial Management

### Session 1: Macro Public Finance

Room: Room III.11 – G. Ibrăileanu 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Lucie Sedmihradská**, University of Economics of Prague, Prague , Czech Republic

**Juraj Nemec**, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

**Aleksander Aristovnik**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

The Working Group on Public Finance and Public Finance Management provides, within the framework of NISPAcee, a platform for researchers dealing with public finance, budgeting, taxation, fiscal policy and financial management of the public sector.

The WG on Public Finance and Public Finance Management accepted contributions within two research tracks for this year's conference:

- (1) General track which follows the main theme of the conference – Public Administration for Well - being and Growth, and
- (2) Specialised track: Burning Issue in Local Government Finance in a 'named' Country.

Both tracks correspond to the objectives of the WG for 2018:

- To provide an open and stimulating environment for the presentation and discussion of papers dealing with economic aspects of the main conference theme.
- To identify and justify what the major burning issues facing local government finance are and/or their transition in the respective countries.
- To discuss and share views and challenges from different perspectives by using contemporary theoretical and empirical tools and methods.
- To suggest a series of topics that can be explored by the WG in years to come.

*Paper:*

**Contractual Framework for Public Expenditures as a Budgetary Tool**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Ioana Maria Costea**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

*Paper:*

***The Costs of Compliance with Environmental Regulations: New Evidence for 23 EU Countries***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Žiga Kotnik**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

*Paper:*

***Public and Private Funds in National Economic Development in Hungary***

*Author(s):*

**Gyorgyi Nyikos**, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary

**Gabor Soos**, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary

*Presenter(s):*

**Gyorgyi Nyikos**, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary

*Paper:*

***How relevant is Fiscal Decentralization for Economic Growth? The Case of EU Countries***

*Author(s):*

**Elena Cigu**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

**Irina Bilan**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Iași, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Elena Cigu**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

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## V. Working Group on Public Finance and Financial Management

### Session 2: Local Government Finance

Room: Room III.11 – G. Ibrăileanu 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Lucie Sedmihradska**, University of Economics of Prague, Prague, Czech Republic

**Juraj Nemec**, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

**Aleksander Aristovnik**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

*Paper:*

***Determinants of Financial Efficiency for Romanian Local Counties***

*Author(s):*

**Dan Lupu**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

**Mihaela Onofrei**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Dan Lupu**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

*Paper:*

***The Development Regions of Romania and Local Revenue Collection Levels between 2008 and 2011***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Octavian Moldovan**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

*Paper:*

***Fragmentation of Czech Local Government and Territorial Public Administration Structures***

*Author(s):*

**Lucie Sedmihradska**, University of Economics of Prague, Prague, Czech Republic

**Lucie Kabelova**, University of Economics of Prague, Prague, Czech Republic

*Presenter(s):*

**Lucie Sedmihradska**, University of Economics of Prague, Prague, Czech Republic

*Paper:*

**Political Business Cycle in Policies of Tariffs for Local Public Services: Comparison of Poland and Bulgaria**

*Author(s):*

**Pawel Swianiewicz**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

**Desislava Kalcheva**, Independent Researcher, Sofia, Bulgaria

**Anna Kurniewicz**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

*Presenter(s):*

**Pawel Swianiewicz**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

**Desislava Kalcheva**, Independent Researcher, Sofia, Bulgaria

*Paper:*

**Public Support for R&D Investment and its Effects on Firms' R&D Expenditures: Evidence from Slovenia**

*Author(s):*

**Dejan Ravselj**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**Aleksander Aristovnik**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

*Presenter(s):*

**Aleksander Aristovnik**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

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## V. Working Group on Public Finance and Financial Management

### Session 3

Room: Room III.11 – G. Ibrăileanu 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Lucie Sedmihradská**, University of Economics of Prague, Prague, Czech Republic

**Juraj Nemeč**, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

**Aleksander Aristovnik**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

*Paper:*

**Local Taxation and Local Economic Development in Hungarian big Cities**

*Author(s):*

**Mihaly Lados**, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary

**Istvan Szabo**, Szechenyi Istvan University, Győr, Hungary

*Presenter(s):*

**Mihaly Lados**, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary

*Paper:*

**Study on the Budgetary Planning for a Primary Credit Release Authority**

*Author(s):*

**Viorel Mihaila**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

Razvan - Mihail Papuc, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Viorel Mihaila**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

*Paper:*

**The Impact of Health Care Reforms on the Technical Efficiency of Health Systems - Some Empirical Evidence from Central and Eastern European Countries**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Sorin Gabriel Anton**, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași, Iași, Romania

*Paper:*

***Internal Public Auditing in Romania between 2006 and 2015***

*Author(s):*

**Octavian Moldovan**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

**Cornelia Felicia Macarie**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Octavian Moldovan**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

*Paper:*

***Factors Determining the Efficiency of Public Procurement in Slovakia***

*Author(s):*

**Juraj Nemec**, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

**Matus Grega**, University of Matej Bel, Banska Bystrica, Slovakia

**Marta Orviska**, University of Matej Bel, Banska Bystrica, Slovakia

*Presenter(s):*

**Juraj Nemec**, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

## VI. Working Group on Public Policy Analysis Development Issues

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THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

16:00 - 17:30

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### VI. Working Group on Public Policy Analysis Development Issues

#### *Session 1: Implementing Public Policy Analysis Procedures into Practice*

Room: Room III.12 - A. Philippide 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Jaroslav Dvorak**, Klaipeda University, Klaipeda, Lithuania

**Mihaela Victorita Carausan**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

The Working Group remains a constructive, solid, learning forum for academics, policymakers and other stakeholders in exchanging experiences on how academics can meet the urgent needs of public servants, civil society in practice - oriented, evidence - based studies in preparing and promoting relevant policy advice as well as in upgrading academic and training programmes in public policy analysis and encouraging the transfer of knowledge on public policy in Central and Eastern Europe.

The goal of the Working group for the discussion in 2018: What does the existing CEE experience tell us about the contribution of public policies to sustainable well - being and growth?

The contributions were welcome to focus on:

- Towards evidence - based, participatory decision - making and the use of evaluation results (what are the effects and for whom?);
- EU Macro regional governance systems and capacities in making decisions and achieving wellbeing and growth;
- What improvements in the performance management, strategic management approaches, methods, techniques, tools, results and impact assessment are needed for the promotion of sustainable growth;
- Demand of collaborative governance approaches and diffusion of power to networks, city to city networks for regional growth;
- Performance reporting at national and CEE level.

*Paper:*

***Administrative Capacity Building for Better Regulation***

*Author(s):*

**Veli Kreci**, South East European University, Tetovo, Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)

**Memet Memeti**, South East European University, Tetovo, Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)

*Presenter(s):*

**Veli Kreci**, South East European University, Tetovo, Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)



*Paper:*

**Monitoring and Evaluation – Challenges for the Romanian Public Procurement System**

*Author(s):*

**Mihaela Victorita Carausan**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

**Anca Dobre**, National Council for Solving Complaints, Bucharest, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Mihaela Victorita Carausan**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

*Paper:*

**Performance Indicators as Tools of Good Governance: Case of Ukraine**

*Author(s):*

**Olexandr Kiliievych**, National Academy of Public Administration under the President of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine

**Lesya Ilchenko - Syuyva**, National Academy of Public Administration under the President of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine

*Presenter(s):*

**Olexandr Kiliievych**, National Academy of Public Administration under the President of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine

*Paper:*

**Linking Policy Capacity and Policy Convergence in Comparative Studies**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Tatiana - Camelia Dogaru**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

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FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

9:00 - 10:30

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**VI. Working Group on Public Policy Analysis Development Issues**

**Session 2: Regional and Sectoral Public Policy Making**

Room: Room III.12 - A. Philippide 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Jaroslav Dvorak**, Klaipeda University, Klaipeda, Lithuania

**Mihaela Victorita Carausan**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

*Paper:*

**The Dynamic Simulation - The appropriate Lens of Evidence - based Policy**

*Author(s):*

**Cristina Elena Nicolescu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

**Teodora Bitoiu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

**Crina Radulescu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Crina Radulescu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

*Paper:*

**How a small City is stimulating Creativity and Innovation: The Case Study of Ljubljana and selected European Cities**

*Author(s):*

**Sabina Bogilović**, Faculty of Administration, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**Primoz Pevcin**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

*Presenter(s):*

**Primoz Pevcin**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

*Paper:*

**Regional Policy for Inclusive Development of the Districts of Bulgaria**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Maria Kotseva - Tikova**, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Sofia, Bulgaria

*Paper:*

***Policy Changes and Public Utilities: The Effect of Public Private Partnership Act on the Reorganization of Local Public Enterprises in Slovenia***

*Author(s):*

**Veronika Petkovsek**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**Primoz Pevcin**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

*Presenter(s):*

**Primoz Pevcin**, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

*Paper:*

***Climate Change Strategies of Polish Regions – What has changed?***

*Author(s):*

**Katarzyna Szmigiel-Rawska**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

**Anna Dabrowska**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

*Presenter(s):*

**Katarzyna Szmigiel - Rawska**, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

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FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

16:00 - 17:30

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## **VI. Working Group on Public Policy Analysis Development Issues**

### ***Session 3: Involving Civil Society into Public Policy Making***

Room: Room III.12 - A. Philippide 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Jaroslav Dvorak**, Klaipeda University, Klaipeda, Lithuania

**Mihaela Victorita Carausan**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

*Paper:*

***Training of Experts for Reforms: The Guarantee of Welfare Public Policy in Ukraine?***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Valeriy Tertychka**, National Academy of Public Administration under the President of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine

*Paper:*

***Public Participation and spatial planning Policy at the local Level in Poland***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Mariusz Sienkiewicz**, Maria Curie - Sklodowska University, Lublin, Poland

*Paper:*

***Programming Anticorruption in Lithuania***

*Author(s):*

**Jaroslav Dvorak**, Klaipeda University, Klaipeda, Lithuania

**Gabriele Burbulyte - Tsiskarishvili**, Klaipeda University, Klaipeda, Lithuania

*Presenter(s):*

**Jaroslav Dvorak**, Klaipeda University, Klaipeda, Lithuania

*Paper:*

***How to manage Social Conflict to avoid Political Costs - The Case Study of Conflicts regarding Schools Liquidation in Polish Municipalities***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Anna Kolomycew**, Rzeszow University, Rzeszow, Poland

## VII. Working Group on Public Administration Education

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THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

16:00 - 17:30

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### VII. Working Group on Public Administration Education

#### Session 1

Room: Sala Senatului 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Calin Hintea**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

**Roger Hamlin**, Michigan State University, East Lansing, United States

The aim of the Working Group is Public Administration Education in its broadest sense (curriculum development, curriculum technology, e-learning, teaching technology, best practices, research on education, quality assurance, modern management of public administration programmes, international accreditation, a.s.o.).

The Working Group also focuses on those interested in the management of public administration education because they are in charge of public administration programmes, manage public administration departments or like to share experiences with public administration teaching.

For the conference 2018 a special focus on strategic issues related to the development of public administration programmes in Europe and the US and the connection between good PA programmes and better community development is proposed.

*Paper:*

***Understanding Public Affairs Education in post - communist countries. An inventory of attributes with potential causal explanations.***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Gyorgy Gajdushek**, Corvinus University of Budapest, Budapest, Hungary

*Paper:*

***The existing Gaps and Similarities between Universities - Employers - Students - Alumni Perception regarding University Programs and Market Demand in the Central Region and Bucharest - Ilfov Region of Romania***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Alexandru Pavel**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

*Paper:*

***The Comparative Analysis of the State Policy in the Sphere of the Education of Police Leaders in Great Britain and in Russia (XXI Century)***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Goulya Nurlybaeva**, The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Moscow, Russian Federation

*Paper:*

***Factors determining the Choice of Public Administration as a Profession in modern Russia. Does Gender matter?***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Valeriya Utkina**, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russian Federation

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FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

9:00 - 10:30

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### VII. Working Group on Public Administration Education

#### Session 2

Room: Sala Senatului 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Calin Hintea**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

**Roger Hamlin**, Michigan State University, East Lansing, United States

*Paper:*

**Addressing the Challenges of Public Service in Disrupted States: Possibilities for Public Service Education**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Jack Meek**, NASPAA President, University of La Verne, La Verne, United States

*Paper:*

**Strengthening Governmental Effectiveness through improved Public Administration Education and Training: The United Nations/lașiA Task Force and the Creation of the International Commission on Public Administration Education and Training (ICAPA)**

*Author(s):*

**Allan Rosenbaum**, ASPA International Director of National Council and Past President, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, United States

**Polya Katsamunska**, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria

*Presenter(s):*

**Allan Rosenbaum**, ASPA International Director of National Council and Past President, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, United States

*Paper:*

**Professional Profile Design: Key Competences on Public Administration Initial Education – An Application to Managerial and Administrative Assistance's Specialisation**

*Author(s):*

**Oana Iucu**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

**Magdalena Iordache - Platis**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Magdalena Iordache - Platis**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

*Paper:*

**International Accreditation: Signalling Trends in PA Education**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Taco Brandsen**, EAPAA (European Association for Public Administration Accreditation), Enschede, Netherlands

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FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

16:00 - 17:30

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## VII. Working Group on Public Administration Education

### Session 3

Room: Sala Senatului 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Calin Hintea**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

**Roger Hamlin**, Michigan State University, East Lansing, United States

*Paper:*

**The Impact of Operational Programme Administrative Capacity Development (OPACD) on Civil Servants' Training in Romania**

*Author(s):*

**Marius Profiroiu**, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

**Alina Profiroiu**, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

**Gabriela Cretu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

*Paper:*

**From Student to Public Servant: Evaluating how Romanian Public Administration Programmes meet Market Needs**

*Author(s):*

**Marian Zulean**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

**Liviu Andreescu**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

**David Diaconu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Liviu Andreescu**, University of Bucharest, Bucharest 2, Romania

*Paper:*

**Aspects of Public Administration Employees Education and Competences Development**

*Author(s):*

**Inesa Vorontchuk**, University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia

**Irena Matuze - Karabesko**, University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia

**Ineta Lakstigala**, University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia

*Presenter(s):*

**Inesa Vorontchuk**, University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia

*Paper:*

**Building Public Service Motivation – The Role of Public Administration Education**

*Author(s):*

**Sorin Dan Sandor**, Babes - Bolyai University Cluj - Napoca, Romania

**Simona Claudia Creta**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Sorin Dan Sandor**, Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj - Napoca, Romania

## IX. Working Group on Transition, Change and Uncertainty

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FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

16:00 - 17:30

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### IX. Working Group on Change, Transition and Uncertainty

Room: Room III.9 – Matei Cantacuzino 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Gyorgy Gajdushek**, Corvinus University of Budapest, Budapest, Hungary

**Gyorgyi Nyikos**, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary

The Working Group intends to deal with the often unpredictable nature of the CEE/FIS transitional context for public administration. We hypothesise that the change-uncertainty phenomenon in CEE-FIS countries has a distinctly different character than change phenomena in more stable western contexts. For the 2018 NISPAcee Annual Conference contributions were invited theoretically and empirically examining manifestations of the change - uncertainty phenomenon which is pathologically disruptive to PA systems in one or more CEE/FIS countries and carry implications and consequences for PA performance.

*Paper:*

**Change Disturbances and pathological Uncertainty in CEE Public Administration: A conceptual Map and proposed Theory of low administrative Performance**

*Author(s):*

**Gyorgy Gajdushek**, Corvinus University of Budapest, Budapest, Hungary

**Eva Zemandl**, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

*Presenter(s):*

**Gyorgy Gajdushek**, Corvinus University of Budapest, Budapest, Hungary

*Paper:*

**Public Administration, the Citizen and adaptive Management**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Madalina - Cristina Gogu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

*Paper:*

**Women in the Transition in Hungary 1985-1995**

*Author/Presenter:*

**Agnes Horvath**, Eszterhazy Karoly University, Eger, Hungary

*Paper:*

***The Hungarian Experiences with Handling Irregularities in the Use of EU Funds***

*Author(s):*

**Gyorgyi Nyikos**, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary

**Zsuzsanna Kondor**, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary

*Presenter(s):*

**Gyorgyi Nyikos**, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary

## **X. Working Group on Non - Governmental Organizations in Central and Eastern Europe**

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THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

14:00 - 15:30

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### **X. Working Group on Non - Governmental Organizations in Central and Eastern Europe**

#### ***Session 1: NGO Operations and Performance***

Room: Room III.9 – Matei Cantacuzino 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Michael Brintnall**, Montgomery College, Rockville, United States

**Gyorgyi Hajnal**, Corvinus University of Budapest and Centre for Social Research of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (CSR HAS), Budapest, Hungary

**Reka Zsuzsanna Mathe**, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary

The Working Group's aims are to better understand the role of NGOs in governance in the CEE region (in the geographically broad sense), to analyse the activities and performance of this sector, and to explore multi-sector strategies for meeting the public interest, amongst other things. Our definition of NGOs is broad and involves informal organisations, cooperatives, non-profits, civil society organisations, and so forth. Our focus is particularly on those NGOs whose mission is strongly related to the public interest and that work in the areas of governance, social and health services, public policy, citizen participation, human rights, and/or humanitarian aid. We also intend to explore the role that NGOs play – independently and in multi-sector collaboration with government institutions – in defining and achieving the public good.

The main theme of the Working Group on NGOs panel for the 2018 conference is the relationship between the state and the third sector regarding service delivery, broadly understood.

The WG is especially interested in learning about the following topics:

- What is the role of NGOs in delivering services at the national and local level in CEE countries?
- What are examples of existing cooperation between NGOs and national and/or local government in the region to deliver services in various policy arenas?
- How is such cooperation between various NGOs and the state occurring, and how do various countries compare to each other in this respect?
- What prompted this cooperation to occur and what form does it take?
- How is such cooperation - its process, outcomes, and success - influenced by government policy, legislation, financial support and public attitudes?
- How does this cooperation influence the internal structure and operational procedures of NGOs? What factors in NGO practices or structure facilitate or impede the success of collaboration with government?
- What methods of measurement are used in evaluating organisation and programme performance with respect to service delivery and inter - sector cooperation?

*Paper:*

***What are the Best Practices of Good Governance for Operating the Nonprofit Organization in the Czech Republic?***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Dina Abdelhafez**, Charles University, Prague 1, Czech Republic

*Paper:*

***Nongovernmental and Public Organisations - Learning Organisations. Methods, Results and Impact***

*Author(s):*

**Corina Georgiana Antonovici**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

**Carmen Savulescu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

**Cristina Sandu**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

*Presenter(s):*

**Corina Georgiana Antonovici**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

*Paper:*

***Harm Reduction Services in V4: Barriers and Challenges in Effective Service Delivery***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Iga Kender - Jeziorska**, Corvinus University of Budapest, Budapest, Hungary

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SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018

9:00 - 10:30

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## **X. Working Group on Non - Governmental Organizations in Central and Eastern Europe**

### ***Session 2: NGOs and their Role in Service Delivery***

Room: Room III.9 – Matei Cantacuzino 1st floor

*WG Programme Coordinators:*

**Michael Brintnall**, Montgomery College, Rockville, United States

**Gyorgy Hajnal**, Corvinus University of Budapest and Centre for Social Research of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (CSR HAS), Budapest, Hungary

**Reka Zsuzsanna Mathe**, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary

*Paper:*

***The Role of NGOs in the Governance of the Bulgarian Energy Sector***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Lyubimka Andreeva**, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Sofia, Bulgaria

*Paper:*

***NGO's in the Development Politics in Hungary from the 1990's until Today***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Agnes Horvath**, Eszterhazy Karoly University, Eger, Hungary

*Paper:*

***Delivering Services to the Homeless. Is Cooperation Possible?***

*Author/Presenter:*

**Reka Zsuzsanna Mathe**, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary

# Social Events

## Welcome Cocktail

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THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

19:00 - 22:00

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### Welcome Cocktail

Room: Botanical Garden Iași, Str. Dumbrava Roșie, 7-9, Iași

The conference participants are welcome to come to the Botanical garden individually or they can use the bus leaving from the University and Hotel Unirea at 18:45.

The conference participants can leave the welcome cocktail individually or they can use the bus leaving from the Botanical garden at 22:00.  
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## Flower Party with Live Music

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FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

20:00 - 23:00

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### Flower Party with Live Music

Room: Unirea Restaurant Hotel Unirea, nr. 5, Piața Unirii, Iași

The University has organised, on the first evening, for all conference participants a Welcome Cocktail at the Botanical Garden. We hope that spending time amongst the flowers will put you in a "flowery" mood for the second evening so we have decided to organise a Flower party. We would like to encourage you to enter into the spirit of this evening by dressing with floral clothes or simply by adding flowers (with a tie, scarf, handbag or jewellery) to your normal clothes. Fresh flowers are also encouraged!  
Let's bring Summer to the party!



# Sightseeing tour from Iasi to Neamț County

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018

14:00 - 22:30

## Sightseeing tour from Iasi to Neamț County

Room: Departure point: Unirea Hotel nr. 5, Piața Unirii, Iași

### 14:00 Departure by buses from Iasi

You will meet with your guide and enjoy a day trip to one of the most beautiful and best preserved rural regions in the country.

### 14:45 - 15:15 Photo break at the garden of Ruginoasa Palace

The palace, which today houses the memorial museum "Alexandru Ioan Cuza", was built in Neogothic style during the first decade of the nineteenth century after the plans of Viennese architect Johan Freywald.

### 16:00 - 17:00 Visit of Neamț Citadel

Neamț fortress - an important military and historical attraction built in the 14<sup>th</sup> Century that survived the siege of Sultan Mehmed II, the conqueror of Constantinople. We will take a stroll up the hill and enjoy the beautiful view offered from this impressive fort. Located at 480 m altitude and named after the nearby river Neamț, the fortress had a strategic position for defending the territory of Moldavia.

In case of a heavy rain the visit of citadel may be cancelled.

### 17:30 - 18:00 - Walk into the medieval orthodox church of Neamț

A jewel of 15<sup>th</sup> - century architecture, the church was built during Voivode Ștefan cel Mare's reign, in 1497. The facade of the church has all the characteristics of the architecture of the time: Gothic windows and friezes with enameled disks, colored in green, yellow and brown and the interior is reminiscent of the mystical and dark atmosphere of the medieval Moldavia.

### *Optional, depending on timing:*

### 18:30 - 19:00 - Experience the Folk Art and Mask Museum

Witness their vivid tapestry of old customs, handicrafts and folklore by visiting the Nicolae Popa Museum. The museum was founded in the '70s by the local sculptor Nicolae Popa, in his own house and features an impressive collection of masks and ritual costumes used during the Winter Festival in Romania.

### 19:30 - Dinner in a traditional Romanian Inn/Turkish Auberge „Hanu Ancuței”

The dinner will feature a traditional food experience, accompanied by local Moldavian music „taraf” (band).

### 22:00 - 22:30 - Expected arrival to Iași

Invitation to:

# The 27<sup>th</sup> NISPAcee Annual Conference

May 24-26, 2019

Prague, Czech Republic

Organized in co-operation with Masaryk University, Brno and Charles University, Prague

## Main Conference Theme: “From Policy Design to Policy Practice”

For the past several decades, considerable scientific interest and research activity have focused on studying and developing evidence-based public policies and programs intended to produce better outcomes for individuals and societies. In the meantime, the spectrum of policy issues has become more complex - with the fusing levels of governance (from global to European to national to regional and municipal), with the interdependence of actors from public, commercial, civic and media spheres, and with the growing role of networking enhanced by digital technologies. As a result, societal problems and policy trials to solve them are proving to be of an increasingly complex and despicable nature. This has brought about a higher demand for evidence on policy inputs, outputs and outcomes in the wider environment in which problems arise and answers to these problems have to be found. A trend towards evidence-based policy-making has also increased the role of public administration in various phases of the policy cycle. Whilst the Central and Eastern European (CEE) academics have gradually advanced their knowledge and skills on public administration, policy design and implementation processes have received less attention. This is why the goal of the main theme is to advance the analysis of policy processes in the CEE countries.

We are expecting papers from a wide range of topics which may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- What are the crucial factors which enhance or hinder policy-making capacity?
- What are the specific roles of the diverse actors (politicians, legislators, civil servants, experts, journalists, civic activists, and citizens) in the policy-making process, both on political and administrative levels?
- What are the key barriers and opportunities of policy design and implementation in specific policy agendas and arenas?
- What are the roles of the three I's (ideas, interests, information) in policy design? How do “lay” knowledge and expert knowledge fit into the policy-making process?
- What are the conditions under which public policy is based on evidence? What are the opportunities and limitations of information and data analysis in the improvement of policy-making?
- What constellations of institutions and actors contribute to policy success or failure?
- How do constitution, legislation and regulatory processes affect the policy-making process?
- What are the patterns, causes and consequences of smart technologies and digital governance innovations influencing policy design and implementation (for example, the use of big data, e-participation, crowdsourcing, and policy labs)?
- What are the opportunities and barriers of policy transfer and policy learning from other countries? What role does public administration play in policy transfer?
- To what extent do different (democratic/regulatory/authoritarian) forms of governance influence political and administrative practices in CEE?
- What are the impact, outputs, and outcomes of Europeanization on the policy-making process and implementation in CEE?

This call welcomes papers which will provide theoretical reflections of policy processes, and which will be based on empirical evidence, or call attention to examples of best practices, grounded on the state-of-the-art major theories of public policy and administration. Papers may deal with any issue or topic of interest addressing local, national or international events in the region and elsewhere, or focus on theoretical, conceptual or methodological subjects related to policy studies. The main theme is principally aimed at the examination of policy processes rather than the analysis of substantive policy outputs in particular policy sectors. Both comparative papers, as well as single country case studies, are welcome.

## Additional conference sessions:

In addition to the sessions on the Main Conference Theme, additional sessions will be organized:

- Plenary sessions
- General Sessions
- Meetings of NISPAcee Working Groups
- Panel Sessions
- Roundtables

## Important dates in 2018:

Proposals of Working Groups and Panel Sessions to be sent to Elena Žáková, NISPAcee Headquarters (zakova@nispa.org):

**Deadline June 30, 2018.**

The call for paper proposals for the Working Groups and Panel Sessions will be announced in **July 2018**.

The online application modul with paper proposals will be open in **August 2018**.

Applications with a paper proposal: **Deadline September 31, 2018.**

Online registration for the conference will be open in **December 2018**.

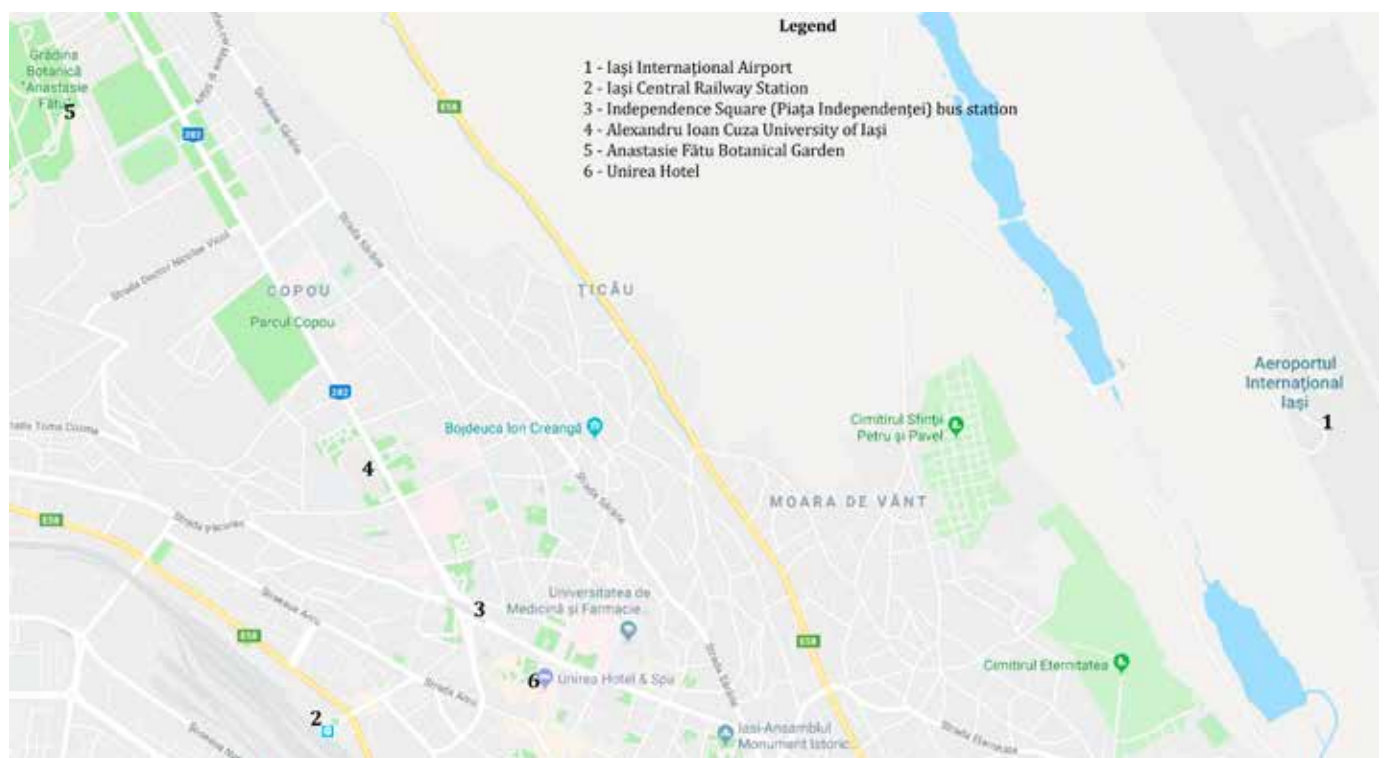
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