The forces of globalization and the current pandemic have led to renewed focus on sub-national, national, and supranational administrative systems. The public issues being faced today are increasingly global in nature and include chronic hunger, managing pandemics, bridging digital divides, poverty, climate change, human rights, immigration and related issues. Each issue has the potential for global impact and it is important that public administrators and public policy makers develop international, comparative, and development perspectives as they address each issue. Such understandings will enable global actors to develop solutions that are feasible, sustainable, and lead to increased cooperation.

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