

**The 2021 Annual Conference of the
Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA)**
hosted by the
**Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and
Public Administration (RANEPA)**

Call for Papers

The main conference theme:

**The Future of Public Administration in PostCOVID-19 Period:
Addressing Unprecedented Challenges and Seizing New
Opportunities**

Date: 7-8 October, 2021

Place: RANEPA, Moscow

Deadline of abstracts submission: 16 May, 2021

Conference website: aapa2021.ranepa.msk.ru

AAPA website: <http://www.aapa.asia>



Background context:

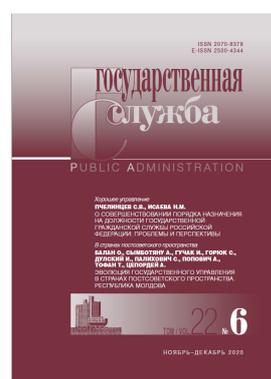
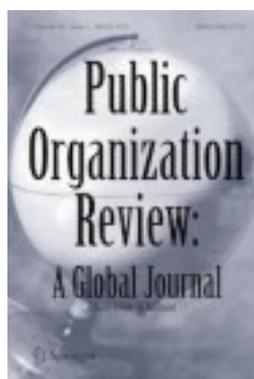
The COVID-19 pandemic has plunged the whole world into a socio-economic and financial crisis of an unprecedented scale. The policy decisions taken now will shape the fate of millions and define the future of nations. Strong public institutions, effective decision-making and innovative solutions are critical for building and maintaining the capacity of national governments to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, mitigate its implications and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

The conference focuses on the issues of crisis management, best practices on how to transform governance and develop capacities of public institutions and regional/local administrations to address pandemic related challenges. Academicians, experts and practitioners are welcome to present and debate accumulated experience, emerging issues, trends and challenges, as well as

good practices, strategies and innovative approaches that have proven their efficacy since the start of pandemic. The organizers of the conference inspire the participants to develop and reflect solutions and pathways to achieving the SDGs under new circumstances.

Format

Depending on the epidemiological situation in the country, the conference can be held either entirely online or in a hybrid format (the on-site presence of a limited number of participants and the rest in distant mode).



The best papers presented at the conference will be eligible for publication in one of the following international peer review journals: Public Organization Review (POR, <https://www.springer.com/journal/11115>), International Public Management Review (IPMR, <http://ipmr.net>), Urban Governance (UG, <https://www.journals.elsevier.com/urban-governance>) and Civil Service (CS, <https://pa-journal.igsu.ru>)

Conference Sub-Themes:

The role of state in crisis management

- Drivers and enablers of government effective performance in critical situations
- Crisis leadership and emergency management: proven policy responses and innovative approaches
- Addressing COVID-19 related threats at national, regional and municipal levels: strategies, lessons and best practices
- Overstrained public healthcare systems during pandemic: prospective recipes for effective maintenance and performance
- International and regional cooperation in coping with the crisis

Provision of public services in times of crisis

- Rethinking and reinforcing public service delivery in crisis
- How have public services adapted to the new situation: practical cases
- Multi-stakeholder cooperation in the delivery of services
- Best practice cases of innovative modes of urban service delivery

Local administration and municipal governance in the times of emergency

- Engaging citizens in crisis management at local level
- Strengthening interface between central government, regional and municipal authorities in tackling the crisis
- Adopting urban infrastructure to emergency measures
- Innovative approaches in addressing emergency issues
- Sustainable urban governance: challenges and solutions

Digital state and E-government as innovative emergency instruments

- The impact of e-Government on enhancing public sector performance
- Potential of digital technologies to address new and long-standing challenges
- Digitalization and artificial intelligence in facilitating COVID-19 crisis related solutions
- Strengthening science and technology in addressing inequalities in the COVID-19 period

Public management and civil service systems in Asia in comparative perspective

- Civil service and HR management in the times of uncertainty and scarcity
- Public sector reform: new trends and priorities
- Retaining professionals and building leadership at different levels of government in the periods of uncertainty and tension
- Fast learning programmes and high quality professional development: is there a contradiction?

State and society in times of crisis

- Transparency, dialogue and interface with citizens in mitigating effects of the crisis
- Support to vulnerable groups and recovery measures to businesses
- Accountability of authorities and trust in government: innovative “know how”
- Crisis perception by key stakeholders and the role of mass media

Transforming governance for realizing the SDGs

- Pandemic responses of respective countries from the perspective of Sustainable Development Goals
- Public policy innovations towards sustainable development
- Sustainable governance amidst COVID-19 pandemic: best practice cases

We invite submission of abstracts and papers that reflect on the above issues from academics and practitioners. Please find below information about submission of conference papers.

SUBMISSION GUIDANCE:

Abstracts (no more than 500 words in English) for paper presentations should be sent as an email attachment to aapa2021@ranepa.msk.ru no later than **May 16, 2021**. All abstracts should include: (1) author(s) name, title, institutional affiliation, and address; (2) contacting information (email and phone); (3) paper title and its sub-theme; and (4) abstract including references.

Proposed papers should feature high-quality theoretical, qualitative, or quantitative research. Empirical paper proposals will be evaluated based on the significance and quality of the research question, design, methods, data, and implications. Theoretical paper proposals will be evaluated based on the extent to which the proposal provides insight into a compelling public management subject, identifies foundational assumptions and key concepts, and results in meaningful critiques of accepted theory, asserts guiding propositions or testable hypotheses, or develops helpful conceptual frameworks and research agendas.

After blind review process, letters of acceptance will be sent to authors. Full papers should be sent as an email attachment to aapa2021@ranepa.msk.ru no later than **September 15, 2021**. The conference scientific committee will review all submitted papers. The AAPA President will present **Akira Nakamura Award** and **Anthony Cheung Award** to the presenters who deliver the paper of the highest quality. Akira Nakamura Award will be granted to graduate students, researchers and scholars and Anthony Cheung Award to practitioners and public officials. To be considered for awards, the author(s) must submit the full paper to the conference organizer by the due date and complete the registration form.

To register for the conference and to get more information please visit

<https://aapa2021.ranepa.msk.ru/>

If you have other questions please write to us at aapa2021@ranepa.msk.ru

NB. The conference e-mail address has been tested for its functionality. However, in order to reduce the risk of possible technical failures a reserve address – aapaconf2021@gmail.com has been set up and is regularly checked for incoming correspondence.

AAPA 2021 Organizing Committee