

**EGPA SYMPOSIUM
FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS AND JUNIOR RESEARCHERS**

TOULOUSE, 6.-7. SEPTEMBER 2010

CALL FOR PAPERS

Background

EGPA is pleased to offer the fifth annual symposium for doctoral students and young scholars on September 6.-7. 2010, immediately before the annual EGPA conference in Toulouse. The symposium is designed to support young researchers in the field of Public Administration and Public Management to improve their research skills, to learn from colleagues and to enhance their opportunities for an academic career. It has the following objectives:

- a) To promote the development of a community of young scholars in a spirit of collaborative research;
- b) To provide a qualified setting for feedback on participants' current research and guidance for future action;
- c) To help students develop publishing strategies.

There are several specific benefits of the symposium: The group size is limited. Groups are internationally and disciplinary mixed. There is sufficient time for in depth discussion of each person's work and for networking both with other students and with members of the European research community. Faculty at the symposium will be leading experts in their fields. Participants also have access to the main conference at a reasonable rate.

The 2010 PhD symposium will follow a new format: The organizers will offer some plenary sessions on a number of topics of interest to all PhD students such as research strategies, methodological issues and publishing challenges. This will be followed by smaller group sessions during which individual papers will be discussed in depth as in previous years (see below). The composition of the groups sessions will be determined by demand. Groups may be mixed, but if there are sufficient participants working in a given area or on a given theme, specialised groups will be used with appropriate seniors from that field.

The symposium is open to PhD students and young researchers working in academic institutions and research centres in Europe and neighbouring countries.

Venue of the symposium

The PhD symposium is part of the annual EGPA conference, which will be held from 8.-10. September 2010 at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (IEP) in Toulouse. The conference organizers promise to provide opportunities for accommodation at a reasonable rate. Participants will have the opportunity to stay together in a hotel with a reasonable rate (about €60 p.d.) during symposium and conference in order to intensify their contacts and discussions. Furthermore, IEP will provide close contacts with their local PhDs including the option of being accommodated.

Format of the symposium

The symposium is open only to invited and active participants. Each approved participant is expected to deliver a paper, to present it during the symposium and to act as discussant of another paper. The time frame of each paper is as follows: presentation by author: 20 minutes, comments by discussant: 10 minutes, open debate and reply by author: 15 minutes.

Presentations and discussions are expected to contribute to the improvement of papers for future publication. Depending on the amount of accepted papers, the organizers will schedule either a 1½ or 2 days symposium which will be composed of two joint sessions (methodology etc) and two to three parallel sessions on specific fields. The symposium will start at Monday after lunch and end at Tuesday evening (with possible prolongation at Wednesday morning). The sessions will be convened by the convenors and other invited senior academics. From experience, we expect proposals from public management, e-government and some more fields of public administration/policy. There will be a social event at the first evening of the symposium (Monday evening). All participants will receive a certificate of participation from the convenors.

Submission of abstracts and evaluation process

Selection of participants will be based on a two to three-page extended abstract, including: title, author information, research question, theoretical background, methodology, expected results and intended contribution. Abstracts will be judged against the following criteria: a) originality and theoretical foundations; b) rigour and appropriateness of methodology; c) potential contribution to advancing the field of public administration, public management and e-government. The deadline for abstract submission is 1st May 2010. Abstracts should be sent by e-mail (pdf or Word-format) to the convenors (see below).

Best paper for fast track treatment

The convenors intend to promote admission of the best paper of the symposium to a fast track review in one of the major Public Administration/Management journals.

Dates to remind

May 1st: deadline for submission of extended abstracts by e-mail

June 1st: abstract evaluation and selection of papers to be presented in the symposium

June 8th Latest date for notification of acceptance

August 1st: submission of full papers

August 15th: selection of discussants

September 6.-7.: symposium at IEP in Toulouse

Participation fee

The participation fee is € 50 for the Symposium. The fee for both the Symposium and for the EGPA conference amounts to €200 (conference fee for PhD students is normally €175) - Fee for excursion is €.50 Accommodation is not included.

Please note that only PhD students with an accepted paper for presentation can register for the Symposium.

Convenors:

- Prof. Christoph Reichard (University of Potsdam) (reichard@t-online.de)
- Dr. Frank Bannister (Trinity College Dublin) (fbnistr@tcd.ie)
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