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Wicked Problems, Contested Administrations:
Knowledge, Coordination, Strategy



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Research Training Group "Wicked Problems, Contested Administrations: Knowledge, Coordination, Strategy" at the University of Potsdam



2nd International WIPCAD conference

From 4-6 December 2014 the **2nd International WIPCAD Conference** on "Contested Public Organizations: Knowledge, Coordination, Strategy" took place at the University of Potsdam. More than 20 panelists from 9 different panels had the opportunity to present their findings on how public organizations deal with changing conditions in terms of: (1) knowledge use and transfer; (2) coordination; and (3) strategy building. Please visit our [homepage](#) for more impressions and pictures from the conference.



New WIPCAD doctoral fellows begin

At the beginning of October 2014, the 6 new WIPCAD doctoral fellows were welcomed at the University of Potsdam. Besides a special welcome program, including an academic get-together, a campus tour and sightseeing in Potsdam and Berlin, a WIPCAD reception was organized to welcome all fellows and Professors for the winter term.



WIPCAD-Lecture Series 2014/2015

Within the framework of the WIPCAD-Lecture Series we welcomed a lot of very remarkable people in 2014. Among others, WIPCAD welcomed Prof. emer. Christopher Pollitt from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium who spoke about "Wickedness will not wait: climate change and public management research". More information and dates for the upcoming lectures are available [here](#).

Research visits

From 16-18 January 2015, WIPCAD doctoral fellow [Basanta Thapa](#) participated in the [7th Junior Researcher's Conference](#) of the German Association for Asian Studies at the Burg Rothenfels to present the paper, "Ambivalent civil society in democratic consolidation – Local chambers of commerce and industry in the Visayas and North Mindanao", ... [\[more\]](#)

From 24 November to 23 December 2014 [Anne Lange](#) stayed in Port-au-Prince, Haiti with the purpose of conducting interviews with staff of the UN peacekeeping operation in Haiti (MINUSTAH) and UN agencies fielded in Haiti, the diplomatic corps, and international and local NGOs. Anne researches the complex relationship between UN ... [\[more\]](#)

WIPCAD phd-fellow [Lydia Malmedie](#) was a visiting researcher at the [Institute for European Studies \(IES\)](#) at the Vrije Universiteit Brussels from October until December 2014. As part of the IES cluster on Migration, Diversity and Justice, she sought the exchange with Brussels based academics and conducted field research. For her ... [\[more\]](#)

From 13 October to 3 November 2014, WIPCAD research fellow [Kai Harbrich](#) visited Washington D.C. and New York City to conduct interviews with staff and experts of the World Bank's Carbon Finance Unit and UNDP's Environment and Energy Group. In his PhD project entitled "Cities as partners in global climate governance", Kai focuses on ... [\[more\]](#)

[Alexander Gaus](#), doctoral fellow in the Research Training Group, participated in the 8th Trier Summer School on Social Network Analysis last fall. The summer school is an intensive one-week introduction to the state of the art of social network analysis, offered by the University of Trier. The summer school, which took place ... [\[more\]](#)

Upcoming events:

- Spring 2015: [Workshop series](#) on organizational theory.

- 14 April 2015 - WIPCAD-Lecture Series: Prof. Dr. Peter Hupe gives a talk on the topic *Beyond Reductionism in the Study of Government-in-Action!*.
- 15 April 2015 - WIPCAD-Lecture Series: Prof. Didier Georgakakis gives a talk on the topic *From the sociology of Eurocrats to the field of Eurocracy, or why Bourdieu's concept of bureaucratic field match with EU institutions and governance*".
- 22 April 2015 - WIPCAD-Lecture Series: Prof. Jon Hovi gives a talk on the topic *Why the United States supports international enforcement for some treaties but not for others*".
- 9 May 2015: [Potsdam Day of Science](#), University of Potsdam
The University of Potsdam invites the public, their friends and families to lectures, exhibitions and experiments to give an insight into its various fields of work at Neues Palais Campus. Also the WIPCAD fellows will give insight into their research.
- 26-28 August 2015: EGPA Annual Conference - PSG V "Regional and Local Government" call for papers
"Two steps forward or one step back? Assessing sub-national reform in turbulent times"
Sabine Kuhlmann, University of Potsdam, Germany (sabine.kuhlmann@uni-potsdam.de) Ellen Wayenberg, University of Ghent, Belgium (ellen.wayenberg@ugent.be) Martin Laffin, Queen Mary University of London, UK (m.laffin@qmul.ac.uk) In these times of austerity and socio-economic change ... [\[more\]](#)

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