



Call for Participation

2017 Doctoral Workshop in Comparative Public Administration (CPA)

The workshop introduces doctoral students to different types of comparative research in public administration, both in a theoretical and in a methodological perspective as well as in terms of results. Comparative research broadens the knowledge and understanding of different politico-administrative systems, leads to a less parochial perspective, and makes research more attractive to the international community of scholars. Moreover, comparative analysis allows for developing/testing the origins and/or the effects of particular politico-administrative phenomena (e.g. institutions, processes and policies). Eventually, such analyses provide a basis for policy changes and institutional reforms recommendations.

The lecturers (see programme below) will give an introduction in comparative research and present their own ongoing projects. The students are invited to present their PhD projects in an international comparative perspective and to take part in self-organized sessions on specific topics. Site visits to international organizations in Geneva (UNO, UNHCR), the Federal Court and to authorities in Lausanne are also part of the program.

Deliverables/requirements: The doctoral students will be asked to prepare for the course by studying the mandatory readings and writing a short paper (maximum 1500 words), in which they formulate their main research question and explain how they use a comparative approach for answering this question (or how such an approach might be used to this end), as well as prepare a short 3-minutes presentation of their research for the workshop. Additionally, students are asked to formulate 2-4 precise questions on which they would like to get “consultancy” (this will serve to structure and guide the peer supervision sessions)

For the “peer supervision sessions”, students are free to provide a longer proposal of their current research projects (max. 4’000 words), if they feel this would better enable their peers to consult them on their projects. This longer proposal should be send two weeks before.

Credits: 2 ECTS

Date: October 18th to 20th, 2017 (arrival: October 17th; departure October 21st).

Location: IDHEAP, University of Lausanne, Switzerland (www.unil.ch/idheap/home.html)

Organizing institutions: NIG University of Twente (NL), IDHEAP University of Lausanne (CH), University of Potsdam DE

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Bas Denters (NIG/ University of Twente), Prof. Dr. Sabine Kuhlmann (University of Potsdam), Prof. Dr. Isabella Proeller (University of Potsdam), Prof. Dr. Yves Emery (IDHEAP, Lausanne), Prof. Dr. Andreas Ladner (IDHEAP, Lausanne)

Registration: Send your application (the consent of your supervisor/responsible of the PhD program provided) to ada.amsellem@unil.ch and andreas.ladner@unil.ch . No tuition fee for students from the organizing institutions. Travel costs, accommodation and boarding to be covered by the participants’ home institutions.

Programme

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	17.10.2017	18.10.2017	19.10.2017	20.10.2017	21.10.2017
9:00 -10:30		Comparative Public Administration (Sabine Kuhlmann)	Peer supervision session "Consulting on the projects"	Visit to the UNO	Departure / trip to the mountains (optional)
10:30-11:00					
11:00-12:30		Comparative Public Administration (Bas Denters)	Peer supervision session "Consulting on the projects"	Meeting with a permanent representative of the UNO	
13:30-15:30		Peer supervision session "Consulting on the projects"	Court Management (Yves Emery)	Visit to the UNHCR	
15:00-15:30					
15:30-17:00		Comparative Public Administration: The Swiss Laboratory (Andreas Ladner)	Peer supervision session "Consulting on the projects"	Sightseeing in Geneva	
17:00-17:30					
18:00-19:00		Visit to the Federal Court, Meeting with a representative and court managers	Wrap up		
<i>Evening</i>	<i>Arrival</i>	<i>Apéritif in IDHEAP</i>	<i>Joint Dinner in town</i>	<i>Farewell drink</i>	

(The programme might be subject to minor changes)