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“Contested Administrations – Challenged Politics: Addressing Wicked Problems at Local, National, and International Levels of Government”

Joint PhD-Training School organized by

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About the PhD-Training School:

The Training Schools overall topic is “**Contested Administrations – Challenged Politics**”. All levels of government (local, regional, national, international) in Europe are in a period of intense reform activity. As a result of the still enduring (global) crisis, financial, demographical and societal problems need to be faced simultaneously to overcome – partly contradictory – reform pressures. Respective reforms thus often aim at conflicting objectives (e.g. efficiency vs. citizen participation). Such policy problems like food safety, counter-terrorism, climate change, declining political legitimacy, citizen protests, the acceptance of large scale infrastructure projects or migration have been labeled ‘**wicked problems**’ by practitioners and scientists alike, putting them in contrast to ‘tame issues’ with easily identifiable single issues with a clear territorial locus or readily identifiable causal origin. Public administrations and politics are expected to be able to cope with such inter-connected, multi-dimensional problem constellations. In analytical terms, it means that these policy issues are characterized by a combination of simultaneously high levels of complexity, uncertainty and ambiguity, with far-reaching repercussions for organizational boundaries, attentiveness and problem-solving capacities. Subsequently, public administrations today require sophisticated management skills, complex structures of delegation, discretion, coordination, control as well as information and knowledge management. As a result, the question of how public administrations can acquire the requisite knowledge, ensure appropriate coordination and devise appropriate strategies has moved to the forefront of debate for both practitioners and researchers in the social sciences. Similarly, local democracy is challenged by these policies and at the same time changes in society and multi-level decision-making arrangements. Problems of declining legitimacy, declining voter turnout, declining accountability, rising protests, growing complexity and intransparency in local governance arrangements are only some of the problems of local democracy that wait to be solved.

Against this background, the PhD-Training School is meant to discuss reforms, experiments and changes addressing ‘wicked problems’ in multi-level settings. The course intends to provide training in theories and methods to be applied in the study of public sector reforms, public administrations’, local politics and democracy and adjacent fields coping with ‘wicked problems’, especially in comparative perspectives. In addition, PhD students have the opportunity to “meet the publishers” and to foster their knowledge through mutual learning from each other in a small group.

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Final Programme (13.09. – 16.09. 2016)

DATE	HOUR	SESSION	LECTURERS/DISCUSSANTS	TOPIC
13 th Sept.	9:00	OPENING	Prof. M. HEINEMANN (Dean of the Faculty) Prof. W. JANN (WIPCAD) Prof. S. KUHLMANN (COST, KWI & Local Organizer)	Welcoming & ‘LocRef’ Project Course Objectives
Theme Day 1: Contested Administrations: Reforming the (Local) Public Sector in Europe				
	9:30	Lecture 1	Prof. S. KUHLMANN	<i>“Administrative reforms in context: a comparative perspective”</i>
	10:30	Kati Keel	CAMPAGNA / Prof. A. LADNER	Reforms of fiscal governance at the EU level.
	11:10	Le Minh-Nguyet	TOLIKA / Prof. A. LADNER	Legitimizing experimental practices in local policy reforms.
	11:50	Break		
	12:00	Lecture 2	Prof. G. BOUCKAERT	<i>“Reforming reforms: new approaches for a sustainable public sector”</i>
	13:00	Lunch		
	14:00	Verena Kontschieder	Chair: Prof. M. HEINE SKOOG/ Prof. H. TORSTEINSEN	In a democracy of controlled experiments: exploring the policy-innovation-design nexus in three ‘policy labs’.

	14:40	Giorgio Oikonomou	VANDEVOORDE / Prof. H. TORSTEINSEN	Administrative reforms in Greece and their implications on subnational mobilization.
	15:20	Rachel Wall	JULIUSDOTTIR / Prof. H. TORSTEINSEN	Devolution deals, territorial re-scaling and the effect on governance in UK LGs.
	16:00	Dimitra Panagiotatou	WANG / Prof. H. TORSTEINSEN	The role of policy networks in EU public policy: A compar. case study of Greece and the UK' implementation of EU regional policy.
	16:40	Break		
	16:50	Max Oliver Schmidt	Chair: Prof. M. APELT PICEJ/ Prof. A. LADNER	The making of rules. Regulating refugee admission by German and Italian local administrations.
	17:30	Paula Rossi	KURTI / Prof. A. LADNER	Experienced conflicts as a potential source of the organizational development.
	18:10	Summing Up	Prof. H. TORSTEINSEN / Prof. A. LADNER	
Theme Day 2: Research Methods				
14th Sept.	9:00	Lecture 3	Prof. A. VETTER	<i>"Social science methodology: Wicked problems in studying the effects of reforms"</i>
	10:00	Jordi Rossel	DUBAJIC/ Prof. A. VETTER	Efficiency of urban bus contractual regime on small and medium municipalities.
	10:40	Thibaut Renson	POLZER / Prof. A. VETTER	The effect of local political deliberation on the publicity of reason.
	11:20	Break		

	11:30	Johanna Selin	ZINDZIUTE / Prof. A. VETTER	Framing of social sustainability, city management and the beginning of accounting systems.
	12:10	Methods Training (Part I)	Prof. H.V.D. KOLK	<i>Research Questions</i>
	13:10	Lunch		
	14:10	Methods Training (Part II)	Prof. H. V. D. KOLK	<i>Theory and Hypothesis Testing</i>
	15:10	Methods Training (Part III)	Prof. H.V.D. KOLK	<i>Research Design and Case Selection</i>
	16:10	Break		
	16:30	Methods Training (Part IV)	Prof. H.V.D. KOLK	<i>Data Collection & Data Analysis</i>
	17:30	Summing Up	Prof. A. VETTER Prof. H.V.D. KOLK	
	20:00	Joint Dinner		

Theme Day 3: Structures of (Local) Government in a Context of Multiple Levels, Coordination, and Collaboration: Fit for Resolving Wicked Problems?

15th Sep.	9:00	Lecture 4	Prof. F. TELES	<i>“Scale and governance capacity: coordination and efficiency at the regional level”</i>
	10:00	Paula Zarah Quentin	KEEL / Prof. T. STEEN	Health in urban planning processes.
	10:40	Ieva Daniela Beinarovica	MINH-NGUYET / Prof. T. STEEN	Changes in public health policies after focusing events.
	11:20	Break		
	11:30	Vasiliki Kalimeri	KONTSCHIEDER / Prof. T. STEEN	The role of local self-gov. in the framework of the Council of Europe.

	12:10	Ieva Zindziute	OIKONOMOU / Prof. F. TELES	Politics of the linguistic integration of immigrants in contemporary European migration.
	12:50	Lunch		
	14:00	Lecture 5	Prof. T. STEEN	<i>"Local governments in a new context of collaboration and coproduction"</i>
	15:00	Daria Dubajic	WALL / Prof. F. TELES	Local government or urban governance in Croatia in the light of multilevel governance in Europe.
	15:40	Tobias Polzer	PANAGIOTATOU / Prof. F. TELES	Joined-up government on the municipal level in Austria as coordination problem.
	16:20	Break		
	16:30	Orsiola Kurti	SCHMIDT / Prof. J. FRANZKE	Inter-municipal cooperation as an alternative to public service delivery: the case study of Albania.
	17:10	Aleksandra Picej	ROSSI / Prof. J. FRANZKE	Conditions and potential for applying inter-municipal cooperation in the area of solid waste management in Poland.
	17:50	Summing Up	Prof. T. STEEN / Prof. J. FRANZKE / Prof. F. TELES	
Theme Day 4: Challenged Politics & Democratic Representation: Impact on Administrations?				
16th Sep.	9:00	Lecture 6	S. BIRD (Publishing Editor, Routledge)	<i>"Qs & As: What makes a good paper"</i>
	10:00	Lecture 7	Prof. B. DENTERS	<i>"Representation in the Age of Governance"</i>
	11:00	Break		

	11:10	Zhongyuan Wang	ROSSEL / Prof. B. DENTERS	Representational authoritarianism? A new brand of mobilized representation in China's local people's congresses.
	11:50	Olof Juliusdottir	RENSON / Prof. B. DENTERS	Gender equality and the economy: policies, trends and impact.
	12:30	Lunch		
	13:30	Lecture 8	Prof. J. FRANZKE	<i>"Local authorities between citizens' participation and administrative efficiency. Lessons from Germany."</i>
	14:30	Nicolas Van de Voorde	SELIN / Prof. B. DENTERS	A kingdom of fiefs? On the meaning of dual mandate holding.
	15:10	Louise Skoog	QUENTIN / Prof. B. DENTERS	Political conflicts in local governments.
	15:50	Break		
	16:00	Maria Tolika	BEINAROVICA / Prof. J. FRANZKE	The role of place-based leadership in innovative participatory practices in cities under fiscal stress.
	16:40	Desirée Campagna	KALIMERI / Prof. J. FRANZKE	The Impacts of participatory governance on effectiveness and sustainability.
	17:20	Final Discussion & Closing	Prof. B. DENTERS / Prof. J. FRANZKE / C. SCHWAB	
Day 5: Social Day (voluntarily, tba.)				
17th Sep.	11:00	Forenoon Brunch in Berlin ("Frühshoppen") (tba.)		
	13:30	Berlin City Tour (tba.)		

* Students' presentation are organized as following (and in this order):

- 15-20 minutes for the presentation of the research project/PhD topic
- 5-10 minutes for comments by the junior discussant (PhD student)
- 10 minutes for comments by the assembly
- 5 minutes for comments by the senior discussant (Trainer)