

Call for Interest:

Studygroup on Justice and Court Administration

The [European Group of Public Administration](#) starts a new studygroup, on Justice and Court Administration. The studygroup will meet for the first time in Bergen, Norway, from 5 to 8 September 2012, at the annual EGPA conference. Directors are Philip Langbroek, Andreas Lienhard, Daniel Kettiger and Marco Fabri. You can reach us via egpa@kpm.unib.ch

This is an open call for interest for scholars, policymakers and managing civil servants in the justice field. Please send this call for interest to others in your network and organisation. Let us know if you or others from your organisation or faculty want to participate.

If you have any ideas or proposals for subjects to elaborate more specifically in a call for papers, let us know.

Court administration and justice administration are interconnected. The studygroup wants to create a platform, where experiences practices of organisation development, policy development and policy implementation and research into the functioning of institutions and organisations in the justice field can be exchanged and discussed. For researchers it should help them to develop research projects and for persons working in the justice field the studygroup is an opportunity to be informed on the latest developments in research in their field and to influence the development of research. The scope of all this is to build bridges between national perspectives and to build a transnational professional community in the EU and beyond, involving both academics and practitioners. The ultimate aim is to explore common ground for cooperation and exchange in Europe in the justice field amongst policymakers, managers and academics.

Subjects

The studygroup focuses on organisations and institutions in the justice field. Organisations in the different chains of conflict resolution and law enforcement like public prosecutions agencies, the police, child protection agencies, prisons, mediation institutions, courts and ombudsmen, competition authorities, resocialisation agencies, ministries of justice, and supra national institutions like the Council of Europe, the European Court for Human Rights, , the European Courts of Justice, the European Anti Fraud Office (OLAF) International Criminal Courts, bailiffs in their different guises, can be subject of presentations and projects in this studygroup. Of course, transnational and international cooperation between justice organisations for law enforcement and execution of sentences are of interest as well. We know that Information Technologies play an import role in justice and court administration as well and facilitates but also restricts cooperation patterns within and between organisations.

General themes could be for example:

- Effectiveness and efficiency in civil, criminal, administrative justice systems

- Justice, democracy and citizenship
- Competition in conflict resolution
- Economic impact of effective justice institutions
- Towards a European justice system
- Organisation development in justice organisations
- Etc.

Approaches: multidisciplinary

Justice, law enforcement and conflict resolution traditionally has been the domain of lawyers and criminologists, and sociologists of law. There is an increasing awareness that making justice policies and justice organisations effective also is a public administration issue. Different disciplines should be involved to find the right solutions in different contexts. We want to connect to involve psychologists, organisation-sociologists, management and organisation scholars, IT & organisation specialists and lawyers from different specialisations in conflict resolution and law enforcement to cooperate. This presupposes a readiness to combine empirical and normative approaches for research and project development. Suggestions for the Call for papers can be submitted to the studygroups' e-mail address:

Planning

Please send your suggestions before January 7, 2012. The Call for papers will be published before the end of January 2012 on the EGPA website and sent to possibly interested persons and institutions.

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