

About the Section on International and Comparative Administration (SICA) of ASPA

SICA seeks to bring together members of ASPA committed to introducing an international and comparative perspective into public administration practice and academic endeavors. SICA provides a forum for practitioners, instructors and researchers to share experiences and to reflect on challenges facing the field worldwide. To learn more about SICA, please visit aspasica.wordpress.com

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Message from the Chairman

Dear SICA Members:

I am very happy that our Riggs Symposium in Denver this year was an exciting scholarly event! All eight panels were attended by many colleagues interested in participation and discussion on the major panel themes. We must recognize all the hard work and dedication involved in initiating and finalizing this Symposium by its Organizing Committee led by Professor Naim Kapucu. There are also major SICA committees led by other colleagues, which made valuable contributions to major developments in SICA, including the Fred Riggs Award Committee, Col Leadership Award Committee, Gould Scholarship Committee, Best Paper Award Committee, Heady Roundtable Committee, Social Media Committee, SICA Election Committee, SICA Newsletter Committee, and so on. We must recognize the time and energy devoted to SICA by its Secretary (Ms. Rashmi Chordiya) and Treasurer (Dr. Atta Ceesay).

The SICA Business Meeting was also a useful and enjoyable event for providing the Fred Riggs Award, the Col Leadership Award, and the Gould scholarships. These award decisions were made by the respective committees based on SICA's professional principles and procedural fairness. Professor Naim Kapucu (University of Central Florida) was the winner the 2018 Fred Riggs Award; Gedeon Mudakumura (Cheyney University of Pennsylvania) won the Col Leadership Award; the Gould Scholarships went to Ms. Adela Ghadimi (4th Year PhD student, Florida State University), and Ms. Shilpa Viswanath (3rd Year PhD student, Rutgers University – Newark). Once again, we must congratulate these well deserving colleagues who won these awards and scholarships.

All these outcomes and achievements were possible due to your unreserved support for SICA – we are very grateful. All of us should be delighted that SICA is doing very well in its major activities. We are seriously considering the possibility of publishing high-quality SICA papers presented since 2016 in the form of journal special issues and/or edited books, which we expect to boost SICA's image as a productive academic institution. Let us try our best to enhance SICA's role in encouraging and facilitating comparative research, context-driven international scholarship, and multi-disciplinary outlook in line with the scholarly mission pursued by Fred Riggs. Let us try our best to disseminate SICA's achievements worldwide and encourage more friends to join SICA.

Best wishes,

M. Shamsul Haque, Chair, SICA

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SICA's newsletter

In addition to serving as SICA's historical chronicle, the focus of this Newsletter is to continue being a viable medium reflecting the collaborative, continuous and transformational Comparative-Development synergy. The newsletter's objectives are summarized as follows:

- Invite and engage global partnership among existing and prospective members in becoming an integral part of the SICA professional community;
- Promote scholarship by serving as a medium to establish collaborative networking opportunities among global scholars seeking partnerships for academic exchange, research and professional growth;
- Serve as the link between mentors and aspirant professionals and scholars;
- Report SICA members' research, publications, professional achievements and other news;
- Serve as a forum to support and promote opportunities for symposiums, occasional papers, and other similar outcomes;
- Involve members in the creation of innovative conference programs and ideas;
- Keep members informed of opportunities / events.

Highlights of the 2018 Conference

Congratulations to this year's award winners!

Fred Riggs Lifetime Achievement Award—Professor Naim Kapucu

Col Leadership Award—Professor Gedeon M. Mudacumura

David Gould Scholarships—Ms. Adela Ghadimi and Ms. Shilpa Viswanath



ASPA President Janice Lachance at the SICA Symposium



The audience at the SICA business meeting



Professor Naim Kapucu, the winner of the Fred Riggs Lifetime Achievement Award



Professor Naim Kapucu with the SICA chair

David Gould
Scholarship
Program

The David Gould Scholarship Program offers graduate students in the fields of public administration, public policy, or international development with support to attend ASPA's annual conference. Each year at least two students receive a nominal stipend and a free registration for the Workshop. The program is named in honor of David Gould, an active SICA member and long-time professor of public administration at the University of Pittsburgh, who was among those killed in the bombing of Pan AM flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, December 21, 1988.

Highlights of the 2018 Conference



Col leadership award winner
Gedeon Mudacumura



Col Leadership Award winner
Gedeon with the SICA Chair



Gould Scholarship winner Adela with Shamsul, Meghna, and Atta



Gould Scholarship winner Shilpa with Shamsul, Meghna, and Atta

Highlights of the 2018 Conference

Professor Naim Kapucu's Fred Riggs Award Speech

Good morning SICA board members and guests,

It is a humbling honor to receive the 2018 Fred Riggs Award for Lifetime Achievement in International and Comparative Public Administration. I sincerely thank to the award selection committee and my nominees who are leading scholars in our field. I especially like to thank to SICA chair and award committee chair professor M. Shamsul Haque. I am currently the Director and Professor at the School of Public Administration, University of Central Florida in Orlando. I like to briefly highlight Fred W. Riggs' contribution to the field and provide some examples from my work contribute to international and comparative public administration.

My first introduction to Fred Riggs was during my doctoral program at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh. My initial research topic was transferability of administrative reforms from one country to others. Even though I have published some articles on the topic, it was not my dissertation idea or was not my primary focus of my early academic career. What I discovered though, for Fred Riggs, it was almost impossible to transfer reform or reform ideas, policies from one context to another.

Fred Riggs has primality concerned with developing grand theory of public administration with a larger country and cultural contexts. His approaches can be considered as part of 'Structural Functionalism.' His grand theory would be at macro (county, society) level, systematic, and ecological. His ecological focus is considered one of his major contributions but also was criticized the most by many. Fred Riggs was the pioneer for cross-cultural comparative administrative scholarship.

Fred Riggs has emphasized the importance of administrative system within cultural and broader political context it interact and operate. This perspective was especially critical as he addressed administration as a subsystem of the broader social, cultural, and political system. His interest in examining the interaction of administration as sub system within political, social, economic and cultural structure was especially relevant to my work on networks and network governance. Nature of public administration cannot be understood fully without understanding the social, political, economic system in which administration operates. Networks can be seen as systems as well.

My scholarly works cover several major areas, including emergency and crisis management, collaborative public management, and network governance. I have published 10 books, more than 30 book chapters, and more than 120 peer-reviewed journal articles in different U.S. and international journals. I have received external funding from the U.S. National Science Foundation, various U.S. federal agencies, the Turkish government, and various U.S. local governments and community organizations to support my research. As part of my international recognition in the field, I have been invited to visit not only many U.S. universities but also universities in China, Hong Kong, Japan, the Netherlands, and Turkey. I have collaborated with many international scholars and mentored a number of international doctoral students from Australia, China, Kirgizstan, Pakistan, Russia, Sweden,

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Turkey, and Uzbekistan. I have also developed and taught Comparative and Global Public Administration course at UCF, hosted many international delegations for the university, and helped School of Public Administration develop a number of student exchange programs with overseas universities in Asia and Europe. I was invited to design and execute leadership development program for Turkish district and provincial governors and participated in training program for Romanian county and city managers, and received a grant from the Korean government to build capacity for rural emergency management.

Even though most of my work international and comparative, the two examples are probably worth separate highlights. High performance in response to extreme events require the ability to assess and adapt administrative capacity rapidly, restore or enhance disrupted or inadequate communications, utilize flexible decision making, and expand coordination and build trust between multiple emergency and crisis response agencies. These requirements are superimposed on traditional administrative systems that rely on rigid plans, bureaucratic decision-making systems, and formal relationships that assume smooth operations and uninterrupted communications and coordination. My book, *Network Governance in Response to Acts of Terrorism*, focuses on the inter-organizational performance and coordinated response to terrorist incidents across different national, legal, and cultural contexts in New York, Bali, Istanbul, Madrid, London, and Mumbai. The book presents an overview of how different countries tackle crises by employing various collaborative decision-making processes, thus, offering a global perspective with different approaches. These features make this book an important read for both scholars and practitioners eager to reconcile existing decision-making theories with practice within different administrative and cultural contexts.

My other book, *Disaster and development*, co-edited with professor Liou, offers a systematic, empirical examination of the concepts of disasters and sustainable economic development applied to many cases around the world. It presents comprehensive coverage of the complex and dynamic relationship between disaster and development, making a vital contribution to the literature on disaster management, disaster resilience and sustainable development. The book examines theoretical issues and investigates practical cases on policy, governance, and lessons learned in dealing with different types of disasters in twenty countries and communities around the world. This book and my other work on emergency and crisis management represents my view of emergency management as quintessential role of government.

I will conclude my brief remarks with these two examples. Look forward working with you all in the future to contribute global comparative public administration in the future.

Thank you.



The Fred Riggs Award

The Fred Riggs Award was established by SICA in 1985 to recognize those who have made significant, substantial, and widely recognized contributions to the conceptual, theoretical, or operational development of international, comparative, or development administration. The award is named in honor of Fred Riggs, a pioneer in these fields and a founder of the section. The award is made annually at the section's Business Meeting, held in conjunction with ASPA's annual conference.

Highlights of the 2018 Conference

The 2018 Fred Riggs Symposium

Global Public Service - Innovative Solutions for Policy and Governance

Friday, March 9, 2018

Symposium panels

Panel I A - Collaborative governance for resilience and sustainability

Panel I B - Innovations in public management: Reasons, directions, and consequences

Panel II A - In search of innovative solutions and dynamic governance:
Transnational knowledge transfer in comparative perspective

Panel II B - Foreign aid and development: Lessons learned?

Panel III A - Weathering administrative reports & practices: Crafting solutions for Caribbean PA

Panel III B - Administrative reform and public organizations management

Panel IV A - Performance budgeting reform: An international comparison

Panel IV B - Role of lived experience, politics, language in effective and democratic public service



Mohamed Alaa Abdel-Moneim, Aziza Zemrani,
Kim Moloney, Gedeon Mudacumura,
and Rym Kaki



SICA secretary Rashmi
at the business meeting

Highlights of the 2018 Conference



Naim Kapucu speaking with meeting attendees



Meghna Sabharwal, Shamsul Haque, and Atta Ceesay



SICA board members Kim Moloney, Meghna Sabharwal, and Charlene Roach



SICA board members Demetrios Argyriades and Gedeon Mudacumura at the annual meeting

Four decades of SICA leadership

SICA was created out of the merger of ASPA's International Committee and the independent Comparative Administration Group (CAG). CAG, a group of self-selected academics and practitioners that coalesced in the late 1950s and early 1960s, consisted of a loosely knit group of scholars interested in furthering the development of the field of comparative public administration in the U.S. and abroad. Many CAG members were active in development administration abroad, living for substantial periods in country working with national and sub-national governments and groups, and then writing about their experiences and knowledge gained through participant observation.

Highlights of the 2018 Conference



Dr. Shamsul Haque during his paper presentation in Denver.

Announcements from SICA members

Dr. Richard F. Callahan, a SICA member and professor at the University of San Francisco, was recently appointed as Editor for the *International Journal of Public Leadership*. Congratulations, Dr. Callahan!

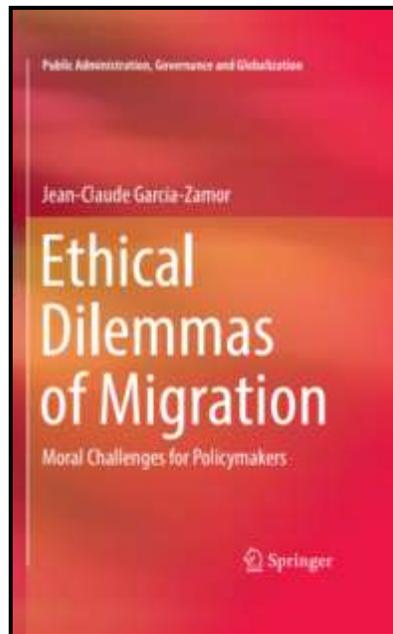
The *International Journal of Public Administration* (IJPA), published by Taylor & Francis (Routledge), is a blind-refereed, scholarly publication that presents a forum for academicians and practitioners in organization theory and behavior, management, and public and nonprofit administration. IJPA is preparing a Special Issue Symposium on Migration broadly defined that will be published in early to mid-summer 2019. Interested scholars and practitioners working on that topic are cordially invited to submit an abstract of no more than 300 words before May 15th, 2018. All manuscripts will go through rigorous blind-review process via multiple reviewers. Fully completed manuscripts of accepted abstracts will be due on October 1st. The papers should not exceed 30 pages (double spaced/7000 words), inclusive of all tables, figures, and charts. APA is the style with third person writing style required, and the Guidelines are on the IJPA site.

All abstracts and manuscripts should be submitted to Professor Jean-Claude Garcia-Zamor, a SICA member and the Guest Editor of the Special Issue Symposium at garciazamor@hotmail.com.

Four decades of SICA leadership (continued)

Renowned scholars including Fred Riggs, Ferrel Heady and Donald Stone were mainstays of CAG. CAG received Ford Foundation grant support to conduct research and publish a series of occasional papers in the 1960s largely through the efforts of Riggs, Heady and Clarence (Clancy) Thurber at Ford. SICA was created in December 1973 with Fred Riggs serving as the first chair. Since this time a long list of distinguished scholars and practitioners have served as SICA Chair and on the Section's Executive Committee.

Recent publications by SICA members



Ethical dilemmas of migration: Moral challenges for policymakers, by Dr. Jean-Claude Garcia-Zamor, Professor of Public Administration at Florida International University, was published by Springer in March 2018.

This book discusses the ethical dilemmas of migration in the era of globalization. Centered on the recent influx of large numbers of migrants and refugees to the United States and Europe and viewed through the lens of the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit and the United Nations Summit on Refugees and Migrants, this book focuses on the problems posed by globalized migration and analyzes proposed responses. Using prominent ethical theories and moral principles, such as Utilitarianism, duty, justice, and integrity, the book proposes a framework for analyzing decision-making by migrants and policymakers and formulating equitable policies to address the migration crisis. Drawing attention to the ethical dilemmas that migrants and policymakers experience, this book fills a gap in the literature and enriches it, adding to the economic, political, and human rights issues that are traditionally part of the migration discussion. Appropriate for students and scholars of ethics, policy, and political science, this book is also meant to be of use to practitioners and decision-makers faced with similar decisions.

Link: <https://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319750903>

Partial two-way mirror: International organization budget transparency
By Kim Moloney and Rayna Stoycheva, *Global Policy*, 9(1): 26-40

Link: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/1758-5899.12523>

This paper evaluates the budget transparency of international organizations. Building on IMF, OECD, IPSAS, and Open Budget Survey standards for sovereign-state budget transparency, we create a 93-item budget transparency measure reflective of international organization characteristics. International organizations are important global dispensers of accumulated knowledge. This includes the purveying of advice on member state budget transparency. Despite this role, we find only partial budget transparency among our surveyed international organizations. Nonetheless, the international organization financial management and accountability practices were more transparent than their budget process or budget disclosures.

Contribute to the next issue of the newsletter

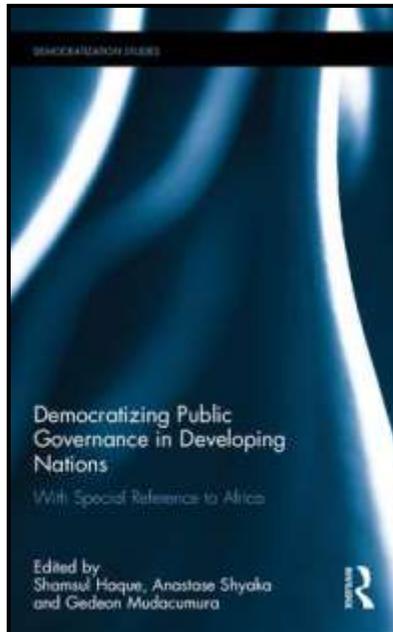
The newsletter team highly values each member's opinion, contributions, and constructive ideas to help create, generate, disseminate, and optimize your newsletter's objectives.

We hope you will continue enriching this newsletter through your contributions: opinions and ideas to help strengthen not only your professional growth but also sustain SICA as a global professional forum to bridge the relativity gap among world societies. If you are already a member, we appreciate your continued association and support. Let us know how we can serve you better.

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- New Publications
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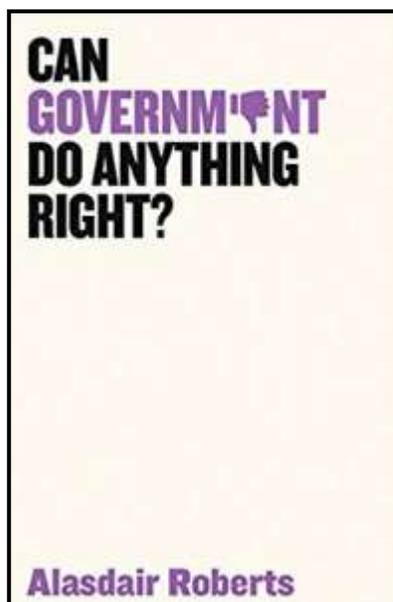
Recent publications by SICA members



Democratizing Public Governance in Developing Nations, with Special Reference to Africa, edited by Shamsul M. Haque, Anastase Shyaka, Gedeon M. Mudacumura

This edited volume brings together critical insights that address the multifaceted problems of governance and democracy in the developing regions with specific reference to Africa. It explores both the externally prescribed and home-grown governance initiatives geared toward democracy and development, and suggests alternative strategies to improve the processes and institutions of governance. The chapters in the book deal with major concerns related to governance, including the strengths and limits of existing policies and practices and the structure and role of state and non-state institutions in promoting democracy and participation. All these issues, in general, have great significance for realizing an authentic and enduring mode of democratic governance in the developing world.

Link: <https://www.routledge.com/Democratizing-Public-Governance-in-Developing-Nations-With-Special-Reference/Haque-Shyaka-Mudacumura/p/book/9781138944428>



Can Government Do Anything Right?, by Dr. Alasdair Roberts

Alasdair Roberts' short book, "Can Government Do Anything Right?" was published by Polity Books in March 2018. This book introduces the idea that leaders develop "strategies for governing" that evolve over time. Roberts also explained this concept in an oped published by Foreign Policy in February 2018 (link below). Matthew Flinders, President of the UK Political Science Association, says that the book "reveals the innate complexities of modern governance and political statecraft, in a book that is as clear and accessible as it is intellectually thoughtful and provocative."

Link to the book: [amazon.com/Can-Government-Do-Anything-Right/dp/1509521518](https://www.amazon.com/Can-Government-Do-Anything-Right/dp/1509521518)

Link to the oped: foreignpolicy.com/2018/02/20/grand-strategy-isnt-grand-enough/

Join ASPA and become a SICA member

ASPA is the leading interdisciplinary public service organization that advances the art, science, teaching, and practice of public and non-profit administration.

Membership is open to anyone working in, studying, researching, or interested in public service. ASPA will help you build your professional networks and acquire the knowledge, skills, and necessary experiences to be exceptional public servants. ASPA membership provides various opportunities that can help you succeed in your career. Additionally, Section membership in SICA will bring you together with ASPA members committed to introducing an international and comparative perspective into public administration practice

Reflections on ASPA's new Section on African Public Administration (SAPA)

Peter F. Haruna, Professor | Texas A&M International University, Laredo Texas
Chair, Section on African Public Administration

The Section on African Public Administration [SAPA] was launched at the 2018 ASPA Conference held at Denver, Colorado amidst celebration and excitement among its members, supporters, and well-wishers. At SAPA's first business meeting held on Friday March 9, 2018 and its first panel organized on Sunday March 11, 2018 the excitement and energy were most apparent. To all intents and purposes, it was historic for ASPA and for individuals who share in our determination to advance domestic, international, and global interests of Africa's public service. With the launching behind us, SAPA now takes its rightful seat among ASPA's 30 sections to give voice to Africa, original home to humankind, and enrich the diversity of voices at the highest levels of decision making.

However, the real work now begins and SAPA's Executives and Board members wish to invite academics, professionals, and practitioners to join us in partnership to pursue the following noble goals of: [1] aligning Africa's public service with, and grounding it in, the people's shared and collective values and experiences; [2] providing systematic analysis, commentary, and articulation of the plight of Africa's public service and public servants; [3] playing a leading role in advocating for diverse representation at all levels of government; [4] exploring and building intercultural relationships toward closing gaps between Africa's urbanized/urbanizing cities/towns and its relatively under-represented and marginalized rural communities; [5] promoting the sense of ethical responsibility that focuses on, and embeds professional, democratic, constitutional, and human values in public service; and [6] fostering opportunity for research and exchanges between African scholars and their counterparts globally and internationally.

Two trends make pursuing SAPA's goals enormously exciting and rewarding. On one hand, political, economic, social, and technological changes have brightened Africa's fortunes. Unprecedented economic growth along with increased citizen participation in governing are fueling an optimistic discourse on "Africa rising." On the other hand, the recent articulation of the United Nations Agenda 2030 and Africa's own Agenda 2063 for transformation is signaling that the time is ripe for change. Even if the optimistic tone is tempered with economic inequality, systematic corruption, and conflict, SAPA is poised to lead the charge for change toward more democratization and professionalization of Africa's public service. We will do so by encouraging SAPA's membership to pursue and present research that examines advances in innovative governance practices with the goal of fostering conversations about unique needs and challenges of public service in social, political, and economic development. SAPA will forever cherish the support of ASPA's distinguished leadership and the encouragement of its rank and file membership as we embark on the historic mission of creating and sustaining equitable and inclusive change in Africa's public service.

Join ASPA and become a SICA member (continued)

and academic endeavors. SICA is comprised of practitioners and academics that are involved in, or interested in, international or overseas public administration activities. The section is concerned with promoting research and communication of public administration with an international and comparative focus. Your SICA membership and engagement will provide numerous additional benefits to your ASPA membership including forums for practitioners, instructors and researchers to share experiences and to reflect on challenges facing the field worldwide.

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2017-2018 SICA committees

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