

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 Chair

Dear SICA Members:

It is my pleasure to serve your elected SICA Chair from April 2019 to April 2021. I am excited to work with Meghna Sabharwal, as Chair-Elect. Meghna brings a wealth of ASPA Section-specific expertise to SICA. We will also build on the contributions and leadership of our immediate-past Chair, M. Shamsul Haque. We thank Shamsul for his energy and efforts on behalf of SICA.

SICA's is 'the' spot for comparative, development, and international administration research. ASPA is the only public administration and public policy conference with such a Section. As Chair of SICA, ASPA's oldest section, it is my sincere wish that all SICA members will find many new connections along with new research and practitioner insights by engaging with SICA and its members. SICA members understand the value of comparative, development, and international administration. We are pleased to have you as a valued member.

Please welcome our three new elected SICA Board members. We are glad for their involvement and desire to increase SICA's reach and impact: Mohamed Alaa Abdel-Moneim, Ph.D., University of Cairo, Egypt; Farhad Hossain, Ph.D., University of Manchester, United Kingdom; and Jen Murtazashvili, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, United States.

Key Events in 2019-2020: Be on the lookout for several SICA events and initiatives including the call for nominations for our Riggs Lifetime Achievement Award, the Gould Scholarship for students, the Col Award for Section Service, and the Garcia-Zamor Award for best paper. This includes our seventh annual Riggs Symposium at ASPA's Annual Conference (Anaheim, early April 2019) and our first call for papers in a revived Occasional Papers Series. For more information, please see our website (<https://aspasica.wordpress.com/>) and our Twitter accounts: @ASPA_SICA (general SICA news), @riggssym2020 (Riggs Symposium 2020 news), and @SICAPaperSeries (Occasional Paper Series news).

Do not forget to encourage your students and colleagues to submit a short article (1000-3000 words) by August 1st for our first issue of the Occasional Papers Series. For focus and submission details, see: <https://aspasica.wordpress.com/occasional-paper-series/>

As always, please reach out if you should have ideas, suggestions, or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Kim Moloney, Ph.D., SICA Chair

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.

The 2019 ASPA Annual Conference



We wrapped up this year's Fred Riggs Symposium with an amazing panel on Global Perspectives on Emotional Labor in the Public Service, moderated by Mary Guy.



At the Ferrel Heady Roundtable, panelists Raymond Cox (Moderator) Demetrios Argyriades, Aroon P. Manoharan, Heidi Jane Smith, George Vernardakis discussed the role of professional bureaucracy in an era of hyper-individualism.

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.

The 2019 ASPA Annual Conference



Congratulations to Prof. Pan Suk Kim at Yonsei University, South Korea, who received the Donald C. Stone Service to ASPA Award and the Fred W. Riggs Award!



SICA Chair, Kim Moloney, presenting on The Oxford Handbook of Global Policy and Transnational Administration and on advancing the role of global governance in reinvigorating public administration and policy studies.

Four decades of
SICA leadership
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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.

The 2019 ASPA Annual Conference



Ricardo A. Bello-Gomez received the Garcia-Zamor Best Paper Award. Congratulations on doing such a great job on assessing “The Moderating Effect of Party System on the Management-Performance Relationship in Colombia and Mexico”.



NISPACee panel on the achievements of three decades of public administration reform in Central and Eastern Europe, moderated by Allan Rosenbaum (FIU), Ludmila Gajdosova, Veronica Junjan and Cristina Stanica (2019 David Gould Scholar).

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 and academic endeavors.

SICA Occasional Paper Series

The forces of globalization have led to renewed focus on sub-national, national, and supranational administrative systems. The public issues being faced today are increasingly global in nature and include chronic hunger, poverty, climate change, human rights, immigration and related issues. Each issue has the potential for global impact and it is important that public administrators and public policy makers develop international, comparative, and development perspectives as they address each issue. Such understandings will enable global actors to develop solutions that are feasible, sustainable, and lead to increased cooperation.

The Section on International and Comparative Administration (SICA), established by ASPA in 1973, reinforces this perspective into public administration practice and academic endeavors. SICA develops a community of scholars and practitioners dedicated to research on transnational, international, comparative, development public administration and public policy topics.

The Occasional Paper Series provides a forum for SICA and non-SICA members, including academicians, practitioners, students, instructors and researchers to reflect upon the challenges facing the field. Occasional Paper Series submissions will follow one of the four models below.

Policy Briefs: These are expected to reflect a transnational, comparative, and/or development focus and a sound theoretical and methodological approach. Ideally the Brief is used to share the policy ramifications of already-published academic papers although this is not a necessary pre-requisite.

- **Practitioner Perspectives:** These articles will focus on transnational, comparative, and/or development best practices, success factors and challenges, and lessons learnt that can be applied in global settings.
- **Research Ideas:** Short literature reviews and/or conceptual or methodological pieces on subjects of interest to SICA and its members.
- **Reflections:** Analyses of SICA and/or related administrative or policy leaders or events and their impact on the field of comparative public administration and development administration.

All submissions will be between 1000-3000 words including citations (using APA format). Each submission is subjected to a blind review from at least two SICA members. The Occasional Paper Series is published twice a year (minimum), it is open-access, and will be available via the SICA website and its social media accounts. Submissions are reviewed on a rolling basis.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Aroon Manoharan (Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts Boston) at aroon.manoharan@umb.edu

Publications by SICA members

Strategies for Governing: Reinventing Public Administration for a Dangerous Century

By Alasdair Roberts | Forthcoming: January 2020

With the fields of public administration and public management suffering a crisis of relevance, Alasdair Roberts offers a provocative assessment of their shortfalls. The two fields, he finds, no longer address urgent questions of governance in a turbulent and dangerous world. *Strategies for Governing* offers a new path forward for research, teaching, and practice. Leaders of states, Roberts writes, are constantly reinventing strategies for governing. Experts in public administration must give advice on the

design as well as execution of strategies that effective, robust, and principled. *Strategies for Governing* challenges us to reinvigorate public administration and public management, preparing the fields for the challenges of the twenty-first century.

Learn more: <http://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/book/?GCOI=80140109387240>

E-Government and Information Technology Management: Concepts and Best Practices

By Marc Holzer, Aroon P. Manoharan, and James Melitski | Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press

This is an essential resource for graduate and undergraduate programs across the world that are taking steps to incorporate courses on e-government/IT as they prepare their students to join the public sector workforce. The book also serves as a comprehensive guide for the growing body of researchers and practitioners in e-government. The text is comprised of 12 chapters from e-government experts, all written in a clear writing style that balances theory and practice. Along with questions for class discussion, each chapter includes cases to demonstrate the importance of these areas to practitioners, researchers, and students of technology management and public affairs administration.

Learn more: <https://www.amazon.com/Government-Information-Technology-Management-Practices-ebook/dp/B07JZL1CX9>

Organizational protection for whistleblowers: a cross-national study

By Rashmi Chordiya, Meghna Sabharwal, Jeannine E. Relly, and Evan M. Berman

Whistleblowing is recognized as an effective means to mitigate organizational corruption. However, there is little empirical research that broadens our understanding of organizational strategies that enhance perceived organizational protection for whistleblowers. We aim to fill this gap in the literature by empirically examining a multi-pronged approach to improve this organizational outcome in diverse countries and contexts. A multi-dimensional theoretical framework utilized in this study emphasizes the role of an ethics-oriented climate; ethical leadership behaviours; structural provisions for ethics management, and an awareness of whistleblower protection laws in enhancing perceived organizational protection for whistleblowers.

Read more: <https://doi.org/10.1080/14719037.2019.1599058>

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.

Email us at keeganbs@vcu.edu if you have items for our newsletter, blog, or social media sites including:

- New Publications
- Research Projects
- Conferences
- Recent Accomplishments
- Speaking Engagements
- Etc.

SICA Leadership

Chair: Kim Moloney (2019-2021)

Chair-Elect: Meghna Sabharwal (2019-2021)

Secretary: Nidhi Vij Mali (2019-2022)

Treasurer: Atta Ceesay (2019-2022)

Immediate Past SICA Chairs

- Shamsul Haque (2017-2019)
- Gedeon Mudacumura (2013-2017)
- Jeanne-Marie Col (2009-2013)

SICA Executive Board Members

April 2019 - April 2022

- Mohamed Alaa Abdel-Moneim
- Farhad Hossain
- Jen Murtazashvili

April 2018 - April 2021

- Peter Haruna
- Charlene Roach
- Meghna Sabharwal (now Chair-Elect)

April 2018 - April 2020

- Alasdair Roberts

April 2017 - April 2020

- Naim Kapucu
- Veronica Junjan
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- Kilkon Ko¹
- Genevieve Enid Myers¹
- Aminata Sillah¹

No Designation = Elected Board member or Prior SICA Chair

¹ = Appointed SICA Board member by Haque