

Letter from the Editor

I am pleased to introduce the *Special Issue* of the SICA *Occasional Paper Series* on South Asia. The goal of the SICA *Paper Series* is to provide a platform for sharing various perspectives on international and comparative issues that are becoming more important in an increasingly global environment. Many of the public problems we face today have the potential for global impact. There is a growing need for public administrators and public policy makers to understand international, comparative, and development perspectives in devising solutions to address these public problems. Such approaches can train them to identify global actors and stakeholders and cooperate with them to develop solutions that are feasible, sustainable, and inclusive.

The *OPS Special Issue* on South Asia includes four papers highlighting important issues in South Asia, in addition to a memorial and a book announcement. The topics of focus include migration, collaborative partnerships, food security, health security and corruption.

Srinibas Pathi discusses the issues affecting the livelihood and migration of guest labour in India, which is an increasing phenomenon across global regions. Suparna Soni examines the collaborative partnerships between government and non-profit agencies in selected Indian states, and how this relationship affects public service delivery in crisis situations. Pooja Paswan highlights some of the factors in addressing the food security issues, particularly the challenges in the implementation of food-related schemes. Shatarupa Dey presents the need for a human security approach to health policy that can integrate food security, environment, or political will, and enable more holistic and encompassing global health policies. Krishna Tummala discusses his book “Corruption in the Public: An International Perspective” with chapters focussed on the issue from a global

perspective. He introduces important questions for future studies on the topic – what does it mean when a country is considered corrupt? What is the unit of measurement? How can institutions work together to combat corruption? The *Special Issue* contains a memorial on Garth N. Jones by Krishna Tummala. Garth N. Jones was an acclaimed public administration scholar and practitioner, a prolific writer in organizational change, comparative and development administration, and a major philanthropist. His work is of great importance to the field of international and comparative administration.

Each article emphasizes the importance of international and comparative public administration, its relationship with development administration, and what is the significance of the internationalization of our public administration and public policy research and pedagogy. I hope you learn as much from our authors in this reinvigorated *Series* as I did.

I would like to thank the reviewers and the OPS committee members for their feedback and comments on the papers. I am thankful to Dr. Cristina Stanica, Dr. Kim Moloney, Dr. Meghna Sabharwal, and the SICA Board members for their support and assistance.

It has been my distinct pleasure to relaunch the *Occasional Paper Series* in 2019 and serve as the editor. I would like to express my gratitude to Dr. Kim Moloney for her guidance, and the SICA board for their support in relaunching the *Series* after more than twenty-five years. I would like to welcome Dr. Cristina Stanica as the new editor of the *Occasional Paper Series* and I wish her great success in this new role.

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