

About SICA

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:

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Letter from the Chair



Welcome to all my SICA colleagues! It is my absolute honor to serve as the chair of ASPA's oldest and most vibrant section that has built a tradition of excellence in scholarship and practice in comparative public administration. Thank you for electing me to this role for a two-year term (April 2021-April 2023). I am pleased to serve alongside my friend and colleague, Aroon Manoharan, chair-elect (2021-2023).

The section is built on the vision of pioneers in the field of comparative public administration who created a forum where scholars and practitioners could freely exchange ideas, share experiences and reflect on the challenges facing the field worldwide. My hope is to continue to foster such collaborations in a time when nations need to work together to solve some of the global wicked problems, for example, the pandemic, climate change, migration, food insecurity, sustainability, social and economic exclusion, gender disparities etc.

Before I outline my vision for SICA, I'd like to acknowledge a few colleagues and friends who have been a critical part of my journey with SICA. I remain grateful to Gedeon Mudacumura who recruited me to SICA in 2013 when I was an assistant professor, he encouraged me to join SICA and run as a board member. I was elected to the executive board in 2015 and served my three-year term before being re-elected to the board, and in 2019 elected as the chair-elect. Along with Gedeon, I received tremendous support and encouragement from Shamsul Haque, Evan Berman, Jeanne Marie-Col, Peter Haruna, Darlene Pierre-Louis, Krishna Tummala, Kim Moloney, Aroon Manoharan and several others. My special thanks to Kim Moloney, a friend and former SICA chair whom I have come to know and admire.

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Kim has moved SICA to a new level with the resurrection of the Occasional Paper Series (OPS) with assistance from the editor, Aroon Manoharan, revived SICA's social media, revamped our website, updated our bylaws (which are now approved by ASPA national) and fostered collaboration with other ASPA sections. SICA is forever indebted to Kim's leadership and dedication. While I have difficult shoes to fill, I am certain with your support and enthusiasm, I can continue to build on the momentum created by former SICA chairs.

With your support, we hope to grow the section and continue to represent the interests of scholars and practitioners from the Global South. Under the editorship of Cristina Stanica, we will expand OPS. I encourage all our members to continue to spread the word about OPS and motivate rising scholars, students, and practitioners to submit their work. I also encourage SICA members to volunteer as reviewers. We welcome any feedback you may have to improve this series. In June, we published our special issue on India, and we will soon publish our third special issue on Central and Eastern Europe. We have extended the deadline for abstract submission for another special issue on Global Food Insecurity to October 1; you will find details about the call in this newsletter.

If there is one positive that has come out of the pandemic, it is that we are using technology to connect with scholars and practitioners worldwide. My hope is to conduct SICA/ASPA sponsored webinars, which will not only bring more visibility to SICA as a section, but also help realize Fred Riggs' mission of comparative-development research. I also welcome the opportunity to build on the partnership with other ASPA sections, by sponsoring webinars, inviting speakers to the Heady roundtable and proposing joint panels at the ASPA conference. In the last section meeting (August 13, 2021), the board proposed instituting a mentorship program for students and new professionals. I will form a committee to plan activities to mentor and train the next generation of SICA board and scholars. We also hope to collaborate with Public Administration and Development journal as we end our contract with the International Public Management Journal.

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Letter from the Chair (cont.)

We had a successful 2021 conference, while virtual, it provided the opportunity for scholars, especially from the Global South to participate and present their research. The 2021 Riggs symposium titled "Building trust in government during global crises: Current trends and future trajectories," co-chaired by Atta Ceesay and me, attracted 32 participants from 13 countries. I have relayed the importance of providing a hybrid option for our international scholars who are often unable to travel to the U.S. to attend the ASPA conference. It is cost prohibitive with added administrative burdens of visa and travel. I am not quite optimistic that ASPA will offer a hybrid option in 2022, but they are considering differential pricing for members from non-OECD countries. I will continue to voice our member concerns to ASPA national to ensure greater inclusion of members from the Global South.

Thank you to Atta and her team for putting together an excellent call for proposals for the 2022 Riggs symposium. The details are provided in this newsletter. I encourage our members to submit a proposal or a fully-formed panel. The Ferrel Heady roundtable was a successful collaboration with six different ASPA sections and we hope to continue the trend in 2022 under the leadership of Mohamed Alaa Abdel-Moneim, Cairo University, Egypt.

I would like to congratulate all the 2021 SICA award winners. Please read more about our award winners in this newsletter. I also congratulate our newest board members (Salta Liebert, Charlene M. L. Roach, Rumki Basu, Cristina M. Stanica and Jungwon Yeo) and welcome them to the SICA family! Please be on the lookout for call for nominations for the Riggs lifetime achievement award, Gould Scholarship, Col Award, and Garcia-Zamor Best paper award. Also, a special thanks to Ricardo, for bringing this newsletter to you!

I recognize that we are all volunteering our time and investing our energies in ensuring the success of our section. I look forward to your participation and continued support in moving SICA to its' 50th anniversary celebrations in 2023!

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Join ASPA

ASPA, the American Society for Public Administration, 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.

... and become a SICA member

Additionally, section membership in SICA, the Section on International and Comparative Administration, will bring you together with ASPA members committed to introducing an international and comparative perspective into public administration practice 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.

ASPA and SICA upcoming elections

ASPA elections

Six individuals—five district representatives and the student representative—will be elected to ASPA leadership positions in 2021. Their service will begin on March 22, 2022 at the conclusion of the 2022 Annual Conference. All individuals will serve on the National Council, the Society's governing body. Among other responsibilities, the council sets ASPA's overall direction and policy; oversees its management and ensures its financial stability; and establishes and oversees Chapters, Sections, committees and other bodies. Find more information on the process here: <https://www.aspanet.org/elections>

SICA elections

SICA will seek nominations for five incoming members of our Executive Board. In addition to these five open spots, we will also seek one Chair-Elect. The Chair-Elect role is currently held by Aroon Manoharan, who will begin his term as SICA Chair immediately following the 2023 ASPA conference. The term of service for elected Board members is three years: March 2022 - March, 2025. The term of service for the Chair-Elect role is 2023-2025, followed by service as the SICA Chair for the two years that follow.

If you are interested in serving as a Board member and/or SICA Chair-Elect, please prepare a four-paragraph nomination letter. This may be a self-nomination or a nomination of you from another SICA member. This letter should include:

1. If the nomination is for an Executive Board role and/or Chair-Elect role
2. Two paragraphs about why you wish to serve SICA and your potential contribution, and
3. Two paragraphs that summarize your CV.

Deadline for nominations will be mid-December. Please look out for more details.

Interview Series: Evan Berman

Dr. Evan Berman is Professor in Public Management at the Getulio Vargas Foundation - Sao Paulo School of Business Administration (Sao Paulo, Brazil). His research areas are public performance and management, comparative public management and public leadership. He is recipient of major research and received awards, including the Fred Riggs Award for lifetime career achievements in International and Comparative Public Administration, the Distinguished Research Award, jointly awarded by the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) and the Network of Public Schools for Politics, Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), the H. George Award Fredrickson Award and the Outstanding Scholarship in Human Resources Public Management (ASPA).



Please tell us a little bit about your background and what motivated you to choose an academic career in public administration?

I have always wanted an academic career that has one foot in practice. While I could have studied economics or political science, I felt PA was a more exciting and impactful choice.

You have worked on several salient topics in our field such as performance management, strategic management and human resource management, and have conducted research and teaching in diverse national contexts around the world. From this vantage perspective, what do you see as the key themes in the agenda of comparative public administration and management in the near future?

All true. If there is one thing I have learned from working around the world is that we should not focus on comparison but on the next topic that is most critical to national development. Countries have a lot in common so there is much to learn from others, fortunately.

However, a main issue is getting good ideas to work well in challenging settings. It is often harder to get things to work in developing countries. Another topic, not unrelated, is strengthening the role of national governments in supporting the capacity of subnational jurisdictions.

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Interview Series: Evan Berman (cont.)

A key topic is strengthening the role of senior civil servants in democratic leadership; events have shown that too much has been expected from political leaders and too little from senior civil servants, and neither has delivered what their countries need. Major change is needed in leadership, and it is good to look for relevant examples, however small. Really, the lack of national leadership is unsustainable, and it useful to remind oneself that national government run thousands of programs that each require leadership – and most are directed by senior civil servants. Has anyone catalogued the number of programs in their country? What are their arrangements and accountabilities for leadership, and how well do these work? Finally, there are a bunch of other, smaller topics, too, such as how civil servants are using crowdsourcing in program funding, and so on, but I would focus on the big issues of national development. In this regard, I would also draw a much stronger link between programs and policies of equity and national development.

In 2015 you were awarded the Fred Riggs Lifetime Achievement Award from SICA. How has SICA helped or impacted your work?

No doubt that the Fred Riggs Award has conveyed, say, additional respect that has been helpful in certain circumstances. The title really says it all for people outside the field.

What would be your advice for the junior academics and professionals in public administration?

For academics, the field has seen a significant jump technical standards in the last few years and researchers must ensure that they work on ideas that have high, meaningful impact, as well. Maybe the above are some useful ideas to focus on (let me know!). Professionals can find a range of settings in which they can work, including being self-employed; they will need to know what difference they want to make and how. Areas such as sustainability are full of opportunity. I might add that public organizations will need to do a better job of creating jobs for professionals to live out their public service motivation, as well.

Member Spotlight:

Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili



Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili is Director of the Center for Governance and Markets and Associate Professor at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh. Her research focuses on issues of self-governance, security, political economy, and public sector reform in the developing world.

Dr. Murtazashvili is the author of *Informal Order and the State in Afghanistan* (Cambridge University Press), which

received the Best Book Award in Social Sciences by the Central Eurasian Studies Society and received honorable mention from the International Development Section of the International Studies Association. Her second book *Land, the State, and War: Property Institutions and Political Order in Afghanistan* (with Ilia Murtazashvili) is forthcoming from Cambridge University Press. Murtazashvili has advised the United States Agency for International Development, the Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit, World Bank, the US Department of Defense, the United Nations Development Program, and UNICEF. She is the President-elect of the Central Eurasian Studies Society and an elected board member of SICA.

Currently, Dr. Murtazashvili is also leading a project to help Afghans apply for US visas to resettle in the country after Taliban forces took control of Afghanistan's capital city, Kabul. You can learn more about Dr. Murtazashvili's work in this front [here](#).

Member Spotlight: Veronica Junjan



Veronica Junjan is assistant professor in Public Management with the Section of Public Administration, Faculty of Behaviour, Management and Social Sciences. Her research addresses generally administrative and governance reforms. Currently, her research interest focuses on analysing the changes in tasks of government in light of new technological developments, with particular focus on administrative capacity building for resilience, at national as well as local level.

In addition to teaching and research at university level, she was involved in a wide range of consulting and research projects at national and international level in Eastern Europe.

Dr. Junjan is the co-chair of the Working Group IV on Public Administration Reform at the Network of Schools and Institutes in Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe (NISPACEE) and the Netherlands Institute of Government (NIG)'s research colloquium The Politics and Governance of Administrative Reform in Central and Eastern Europe. She also served as a SICA board member from 2017 to 2020.

SICA Awards 2021

Fredds Riggs Lifetime Achievement Award

The Fred Riggs Award was established in 1985 to recognize scholars who made significant and widely recognized contributions to the conceptual, theoretical, and/or operational progress in the fields of international, comparative, and/or development administration.

Dr. Donald E. Klinger, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs



Jeanne-Marie Col Award for Outstanding SICA Leadership



The Jeanne-Marie Col Award is offered to SICA members who have demonstrated strong commitment and active leadership to SICA's mission.

Dr. Kim Moloney, Hamad Bin Khalifa University

SICA Awards 2021

David Gould Scholarship Award

The David Gould Scholarship Program offers graduate students in the fields of public administration, public policy, or international development support to attend ASPA's Annual Conference.



Dr. Zeeshan Noor, then University of Texas at Dallas, now IUPUI



Renzo de la Riva Agüero, Indiana University

Garcia-Zamor Best Paper Award in International & Comparative Public Administration

This Award recognizes outstanding research and scholarship in the fields of international, comparative and/or development administration presented at the ASPA Annual Conference.

Dr. Ricardo A. Bello-Gomez, Texas Tech University

"Human Resources in Multilevel Service Provision Performance: The Role of Field Offices and Local Organizations"



Watch for our Call for 2022 Award Nominations

2022 Freds Riggs Lifetime Achievement Award

The 2022 Fred Riggs Award for Lifetime Achievement in International and Comparative Public Administration. The Fred Riggs Award was established by SICA in 1985 to recognize scholars who made significant and widely recognized contributions to the conceptual, theoretical and/or operational progress in the fields of international, comparative and/or development administration. This award is named in honor of Fred W. Riggs, a pioneer in these fields and a leading founder of SICA. The award is made annually at the SICA Business Meeting held in conjunction with the ASPA Annual Conference

2022 Jeanne-Marie Col Award for Outstanding SICA Leadership

Established by SICA in 2016, the award recognizes individual members who have made significant contributions to the development of the Section on International and Comparative Administration (SICA).

2022 David Gould Scholarship Award

The David Gould Scholarship offers talented graduate students in the fields of public administration, public policy, or international development some support to facilitate their participation in the ASPA annual conference. This Scholarship is named in honor of David Gould who was an active SICA member and long-time professor of public administration at the University of Pittsburgh. He was among those killed in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, December 21, 1988.

2022 SICA Garcia-Zamor Best Paper Award

Named in honor of Jean-Claude Garcia-Zamor (Professor, Florida International University). This Award recognizes outstanding research and scholarship in the fields of international, comparative and/or development administration. Submitted papers should be well-analyzed, structured, and of high original research quality. The paper must be presented by at least one co-author at the ASPA Annual Conference in March 2022.

All award nominations (except Garcia-Zamor Best Paper Award) will be due **December 1, 2021**.

Publications by SICA Members

BOOKS

Human Resources Information Systems: A Guide for Public Administrators [Link](#)
Nicolas A. Valcik, Meghna Sabharwal and Ted Benavides

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Human Resources in Multilevel Service Provision Performance: The Role of Field Offices and Local Organizations [Link](#)

Ricardo A. Bello-Gomez. 2021. Review of Public Personnel Administration.

Do cogovernance and CSOs supplement municipal capacity for service delivery? An assessment of differences in simple versus complex services [Link](#)

Renzo de la Riva-Agüero. 2021. Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory.

Deconcentrated global governance, transnational administration, and the public administration discipline [Link](#)

Kim Moloney. 2021. Global Public Policy and Governance.

Exploring administrative capacity and local governance in the Peruvian waste sector: Implications for complex service delivery in the Global South [Link](#)

Renzo de la Riva-Agüero. 2021. State and Local Government Review.

South Korean government's proactive responses to the coronavirus pandemic" (Respuestas proactivas del gobierno surcoreano a la pandemia del coronavirus) [Link](#)

Pan Suk Kim. 2021. Gestión y Política Pública.

Predicting Executive Vacancies: An Organizational Approach [Link](#)

Ricardo A. Bello-Gomez and Amanda Rutherford. 2021. Public Administration.

Faking vs. Feeling Emotions: Job Involvement in U.S. Federal Agencies. Does Personality Job Fit Matter? [Link](#)

Varaidzo Zvobgo, Romeo Abraham and Meghna Sabharwal. Public Personnel Management.

Publications by SICA Members

BLOGS, PODCASTS AND OTHER DIFFUSION MEDIA

- Dr. Louise Comfort writing in The Conversation about [Haiti's political instability and earthquake response](#).
- Dr. Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili's podcast on Wisdom of Crowds about the [causes of the crisis in Afghanistan](#).
- Dr. Ricardo Bello-Gomez writing in Razón Pública about the [rise of subnational leaders as presidential contenders in Colombia](#).

Contribute to the next issue of SICA 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 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.

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

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

Awards and Announcements

- **Dr. Pan Suk Kim** joined the **International Civil Service Commission (ICSC)** as a commission member from the beginning of 2021 and will serve until the end of 2024. The International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) is an independent expert body established by the United Nations General Assembly and commission members are appointed by the UN General Assembly for four-year terms.
- **Dr. Susan Opp**, Professor of Public Policy and Administration at Colorado State University received a **Fulbright Scholar Program award to Mauritius** to study sustainable economic development policy. Dr. Opp will travel to Mauritius and work with the University of Mauritius later this year (2021) and spend 10 months studying the policy and administrative state of the island nation's sustainability efforts. Lessons from this research will provide policy suggestions to other nations seeking to balance sustainability concerns with economic development needs.
- **Dr. Cristina Stanica**, editor of the Occasional Paper Series, has started a new position as an **Assistant Teaching Professor of Public Policy and Administration at the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, Northeastern University, Boston** campus. She will continue teaching core courses that support the School's MPA and MPP programs.
- **Dr. Kim Moloney** is now working full-time at the **College of Public Policy at Hamad Bin Khalifa University in Doha Qatar** with new email of kmoloney@hbku.edu.qa. She also has a part-time grant-specific alignment (on ASEAN) until July 2023 with the Harry Butler Institute at Murdoch University in Perth Australia with the same email of k.moloney@murdoch.edu.au.

9th Annual Fred Riggs Symposium

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion from Global Perspectives

ASPA Annual Conference, Jacksonville FL, March 18-22, 2022

The Section on International and Comparative Administration (SICA) of the American Society for Public Administration is seeking abstracts and/or fully-formed panels for the ninth annual Fred Riggs Symposium to be held in Jacksonville, Florida, on March 18, 2022.

The title for this year's symposium is –Diversity, Equity and Inclusion from Global Perspectives – is tied to the overall ASPA conference theme: “Democracy Under Threat: The Future of Equality in a Post-COVID World”. The global COVID-19 pandemic has magnified the inherent inequities in developing and implementing public policies worldwide. The ongoing pandemic has shown how fragile health systems are in both the global north and south, in most instances leading to inequitable access to vital information and essential services. This has resulted in an emphasis on a global response to the ongoing pandemic and heightened efforts to address the lack of diversity, equity and inclusion in democratic governance and service delivery in all areas of government. This involves renewed focus on social and economic exclusion, racial disparities, gender disparities, disparities in education, health, environment, transportation, human capital, migration, and food insecurities. Promoting diversity, equity and inclusion in policy-making and administration spans beyond technical or institutional change. It requires a shift in policy makers' approach and thinking that embraces a culture of inclusion. This entails a system that values collaboration, differences, and a commitment to equitable practices. SICA encourages authors to think about ways that public managers/administrators can advance their understanding of cultural injustices and address them. Furthermore, how can they build a foundation of inclusive policies and practices to enhance citizen and governmental outcomes.

The papers can address the following questions and others:

- How has global concerns to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion influence public administration?
- What factors facilitate or hinder the design and implementation of equitable and inclusive policies?
- What strategies have been successful in promoting diversity, equity and inclusion in public institutions?
- What kinds of key stakeholder partnerships can support or foster diversity equity and inclusion in policymaking and governance?
- How do political and cultural factors influence equitable and inclusive policies?

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The 2022 Riggs Symposium aims to explore these questions and consider how public administrators should respond to developments and challenges that public institutions encounter in implementing equitable and inclusive public policies. We seek papers and panels that address this topic in any national or comparative context.

- **Individual Paper Proposal:** Please submit an abstract not exceeding 300 words, your paper title, and the affiliation of the author(s), and contact information for at least one author.
- **Panel Proposal:** Please submit the panel title along with the titles of 3-5 papers and the paper author names, affiliations, and contact details. Each panel submission must also include the paper abstracts for each panel. Each abstract should not exceed 300 words.

All abstracts and panel proposals must be submitted via the ASPA website. Please name your submission with an indication of 'Riggs Symposium/SICA' and select the Riggs Symposium from the options when you submit through the ASPA website. The submission deadline is October 29, 2021. Notice of abstract acceptance will be given by mid-December 2021.

If your paper abstract or panel is accepted, your full paper for the ASPA Conference is due one week before the conference start date (March 11, 2022). Accepted paper authors must register for the conference via the ASPA website. All full papers submitted for the Riggs Symposium will be considered for SICA's Garcia-Zamor Best Paper Award.

Members of the 2022 Riggs Symposium Committee:

- Chair: Atta Ceesay, SUNY Buffalo State, US
- Rumki Basu, Jamia Millia Islamia, India
- Farhad Hossain, University of Manchester, UK
- Naim Kapucu, University of Central Florida, US
- Aroon Manoharan - University of Massachusetts Boston, US
- Jungwon Yeo, University of Central Florida, US

General Call for Papers



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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. It is important that public administrators and policymakers 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 *Occasional Paper Series* provides a forum for SICA and non-SICA members, including academicians, practitioners, students, instructors, and researchers in academic and practitioner contexts to reflect upon the challenges faced by countries in managing post-pandemic recovery.

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 manuscript 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 could 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.
- **Submission Guidelines:** We publish manuscripts between 1,000-3,000 words including references. Please use APA formatting and submit as a Word document. Graphs should be submitted as images, and tables using Microsoft Word will be accepted as embedded in the word text. For online reading, we encourage authors to adopt a reader-friendly style by avoiding lengthy paragraphs, using subheadings to break-up otherwise dense blocks of text, and include bullet points for lists and key points.

The *Occasional Paper Series* 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 would like more information about current and future issues, contact: occasionalseries.aspa@gmail.com.

Special Issues



Global Food Insecurity

As an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, the UN identified alleviated food insecurity as critical to the health and prosperity of the worldwide population. With the current global health crisis and the continued spread of the

COVID-19 pandemic, it has become even more imperative to examine and address hunger and food insecurity across countries, regions, and continents. How are governments, international and regional organizations, nonprofits and for-profit organizations, and public institutions approaching this emerging threat to human well-being, and what are the consequences?

We publish 1,000-3,000 words manuscripts, including references (in the form of policy briefs, research ideas, practitioner perspectives, and reflections).

Please send a maximum 250-word proposal to editor, Cristina Stanica at c.stanica@northeastern.edu by October 1, 2021. Final papers are due by December 15, 2021.

Latin America

Guest editor: Dr. Manlio Castillo Salas (manlio.castillo@cide.edu)

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Please send a maximum 250-word proposal to editor, Cristina Stanica at c.stanica@northeastern.edu by October 1, 2021. Final papers are due by December 15, 2021.

Call for Papers - Conference



Association for Middle Eastern Public Policy and Administration (AMEPPA) Conference 2021
Understanding History, Negotiating Policy and Administration, and Moving Forward
Abstract deadline: September 30 2021
More information [here](#)

Calls for Papers - Journals

Public Management Review
Evaluating and extending Public Services Logic
Abstract deadline (500 words): 24 October 2021
More information [here](#)

Asia Pacific Journal of Public Administration
Integrating Asia Pacific Influences and Public Management Research
Proposal deadline (1000 words): 01 November 2021
More information [here](#)

Public Management Review
Insights for Public Management from Policing
Abstract deadline (500 words): 15 November 2021
More information [here](#)

SICA Leadership

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SICA Executive Board Members

4/2019 – 4/2022

- Farhad Hossain, U. of Manchester (UK)
- Naim Kapucu¹ U. of Central Florida (USA)
- Jen Murtazashvili, U. of Pittsburgh (USA)
- Mohamed Alaa Abdel-Moneim, Cairo U. (Egypt)

4/2020 – 4/2023

- Brittany Keegan, Virginia Commonwealth U. (USA)
- Aroon Manoharan, U. of Massachusetts at Boston (USA)
- Edgar Ramírez de la Cruz, CIDE (Mexico)
- Shilpa Viswanath, John Jay College at CUNY (USA)
- Alfred Wu, National U. of Singapore

4/2021-4/2024

- Charlene Roach - University of the West Indies, Trinidad & Tobago.
- Saltanat (Salta) Liebert - Virginia Commonwealth University
- Rumki Basu - Jamia Millia Islamia University
- Cristina M. Stanica- Visiting Lecturer, Northeastern University
- Jungwon Yeo - University of Central Florida

Newsletter committee chair:

Ricardo Bello-Gomez, Texas Tech University (USA)

¹ Term extended by Moloney in August 2019 with Board member agreement member, Election Committee Chair (2019-2020), and SICA Chair-Elect. Purpose: Ensure future elections have nearly equal Board positions open for election by SICA members.