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***EGPA Virtual PhD Tutorial for
Doctoral Students and Junior Researchers
Online – 1st September 2020***

***On VISA – The IIAS On-line Learning
Platform***

Re-Opened - Call-for-Papers

EGPA *Virtual PhD Tutorial*

Going online: Join us for the first Virtual PhD Tutorial

The ongoing Corona pandemic prevents us from hosting our time-honored EGPA PhD virtual tutorial in physical presence until 2021. However, postponing one year means losing one year for PhD students. So, the EGPA community wishes to reach out to the current cohort of doctoral students and junior researchers by offering an online format, which focuses on the core of the mission of EGPA's PhD project: tutoring and mentoring PhD candidates through peer group learning and advice from more advanced colleagues.

Join us for this new experience and respond to this re-opened call-for-proposals!

Mission Statement of EGPA's PhD Project: Why participate?

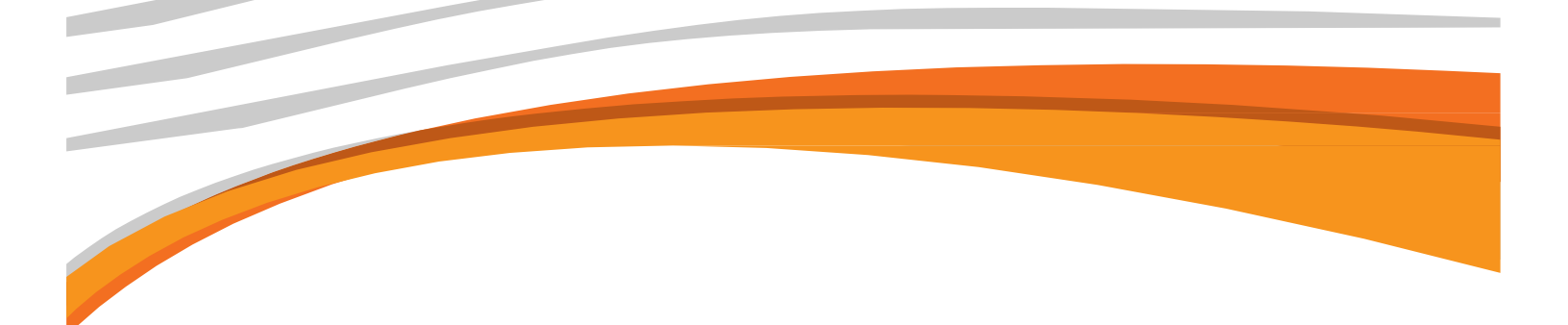
EGPA's PhD tutorial provides an ideal opportunity for young researchers to immerse themselves – if only in a virtual environment – in an international and interdisciplinary research community. The tutorial is right for you, if you are a doctoral student or junior researcher pursuing research in the broadly defined fields of public administration and public management. You'll be part of an engaged community of your peers and experienced scholars who will share their insights on doing research and also on building an academic and / or professional career.

In particular, as a participant of the symposium you will have a chance,

- 1) ... to improve your research skills and to strengthen your background in theoretical and methodological approaches;
- 2) ... to present and test your ideas and research approaches in a "risk-free", yet high-caliber academic setting;
- 3) ... to broaden your academic horizon by putting your research in a comparative and interdisciplinary perspective;
- 4) ... to develop your own publication and resume-building strategies by way of dialogue with established researchers and academics;
- 5) ... to build an international network of young and engaged scholars in the field as a base for future collaborative projects;
- 6) ... to win the EGPA PhD Best Paper Award 2020.

Format and Organization of the 2020 EGPA PhD Virtual Tutorial: What is on offer?

At the heart of the **Virtual Tutorial** lies the discussion of **your papers in small groups** by way of a **video conference**. The composition of the discussion groups will reflect the plurality of disciplinary and methodological approaches in the European public administration / management community. Each group will be convened by an established expert in the field.



We will dedicate ample time for in-depth discussion of each contribution. Your presentations, however, are not so much meant to be “conventional” paper presentations as critical reflections on your own research. Based on individual contributions, we will engage in interactive sessions that will give specific feedback and address your questions. In order to facilitate learning from each other, a discussant will be assigned to each presenter. It flows from this that completed papers will be circulated among group participants well ahead of our virtual meeting.

Our online meeting will be driven by your current research interests. To keep discussion groups small and focused, specialized **tracks** – running in parallel and being chaired by individual co-conveners – will be formed based on the responses from participants and covering the breadth of our disciplines and fields of expertise in the broad academic community of public administration, management, and policy. It flows from this that our call invites proposals from a rich variety of research areas and approaches – provided your proposal reflects upon the theoretical base of your research design and discusses your methodological approach.

The virtual tutorial is open only to **invited and active participants**. Each accepted participant is expected to deliver a paper, present it online and act as discussant of another paper. The time frame for each paper will be as follows: presentation by author: 15 to 20 minutes, comments by discussant: 10 to 15 minutes, open debate and reply by author: 15 minutes. Both the presentations and the subsequent feedbacks and discussions are expected to contribute to the improvement of papers and to improve their chance of future publication.

Certificates and Best Paper Award

Upon completion of the tutorial, all participants will receive a certificate. In addition, the conveners of the symposium will consider the most innovative and rigorous papers for the 2020 EGPA PhD Award.

Submission of abstracts and evaluation process: How to apply?

Selection of participants will be based on the review of the complete application package Please submit **one single document** including the following information:

1. Personal details:

- a. Name of applicant;
- b. Institutional affiliation (university/department);
- c. Name(s) of supervisor(s) of doctoral work;
- d. Area and topic of the dissertation or PhD project;
- e. Year in which you started your doctoral work;
- f. Affiliation with a PhD school or program (if applicable).

2. **Paper abstract (1,000 words max.):** Please provide details of your proposed paper: title, underlying problems, clear research questions, research design and methodological orientation, relevant theories and theoretical/analytical approaches, first hypotheses and propositions, expected findings and results, problems and challenges the author may face in the research.
3. **Letter of motivation (300 words max.):** What do you want to get out of this symposium? How advanced is your project? How will your contribution benefit other participants? How is your proposed paper related to your PhD project?

When submitting your abstract, please make sure you qualify as the single author of the proposed paper. Abstracts will be judged against the following **criteria**: a) originality; b) theoretical foundations; c) rigor and appropriateness of methodology; d) potential contribution to advancing the relevant fields of public administration and management.

The virtual tutorial is open to all PhD students and junior researchers who wish to get involved in the international public administration and management research community hosted by EGPA.

The deadline for submission of your complete application package is June 5th, 2020 (only as online submission directly through the EGPA conference management tool at: <https://www.conftool.org/egpa-conference2020>)

Please do not hesitate to contact us at: info@egpa-conference2020.org

Practicalities: What you need to know

Important dates:

- ✓ Deadline for online submission of complete application materials: June 5, 2020
- ✓ Nomination of accepted papers and notification of participants: June 15, 2020
- ✓ Deadline for online submission of full papers: August 10, 2020
- ✓ Assignment of discussants: August 17, 2020
- ✓ Virtual Tutorial: 1 September 2020.

Online meeting space of the tutorial:

EGPA/IIAS will provide the setting of a virtual teaching and learning environment based on a video conferencing software. With your registration to the tutorial comes also your individual access to this platform, including supporting material and online content relating the PhD tutorial.

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Registration fee

A registration fee will be charged for the Virtual Tutorial. The rates will be available on the designated EGPA website.

Conference Website:

EGPA 2020 Conference: <https://www.egpa-conference2020.org/>

Please note that only applicants with an *accepted paper* for presentation can register for the tutorial.

Contact details of chair and conveners:

A team of established faculty members will serve as conveners of discussion groups and sessions. Please refer all academic questions about your participation in the tutorial directly to the chair of the virtual tutorial.

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