

MAIN CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

2008 PAC Conference ***at the Alcuin Research Resource Centre (ARRC)*** ***the University of York*** ***September 1-3 2008***

“New Directions in the Study and Practice of Public Administration”

Concept

The world of public policy has become an increasingly small one as a consequence of dramatic changes to global political and economic institutional structures and to nation states themselves. These changes at the structural level of the global system have impacted upon the work of public organizations either directly or indirectly and have broadened the field of action in public administration. The 2008 PAC conference will explore the implication of these issues for both the study and the practice of public administration.

The conference will also include: a Practice Forum led and moderated by leading practitioners and organised by the Public Management and Policy Association and the National School of Government; a series of workshops on ‘Developments in MPA Education’; and, in keeping with the internationalisation theme, the PAC has joined forces with the National Public Administration Steering Group in China to organise a further panel of leading Chinese scholars to deliberate on problems in contemporary governance. In addition, the conference will also include papers delivered by research students. Sage publishing and the journal *Public Policy and Administration* have generously agreed to support a ‘Best Graduate Paper’ prize which will be presented at the PAC Annual dinner on Monday evening. Sage will also be sponsoring a pre-dinner reception.

Two special lectures have also been organised for the occasion. Jocelyne Bourgon (President Emeritus, Canada School of Public Service) will deliver the first National School of Government Lecture prior to the PAC Annual dinner on Monday evening. On Tuesday evening the Frank Stacey Memorial Lecture (sponsored by *Policy Studies*) will be delivered by Professor Rod Rhodes from the Australia National University and the Tasmania School of Government. This will be followed by a pre-dinner reception and prize giving sponsored by York MPA and Professional Training Programmes.

The PAC will also benefit this year from the participation of Erasmus Mundus postgraduate students undertaking a two-year MA in Public Policy at York, the Central European University in Budapest, IBEI in Barcelona and the Institute

of Social Studies at the Hague. In addition, we will be joined by international practitioners engaged in York's E-learning MPA.

In sum, the conference will bring together practitioners and senior and young researchers from a broad range of disciplines including public policy, public administration, public management, social policy, European studies and international relations to explore theoretical, empirical and practical questions about the changing character of public administration.

Monday

11.00-12.30: Public Policy and Administration editorial board meeting, venue: ARRC Seminar Room, Alcuin College

12.00-17.00: Main Conference Registration, Reception Foyer ARRC

12.30-14.00: Buffet Lunch (*for PAC institutional representatives only*), Foyer ARRC

14.00-17.00: PAC Business Meeting (*for PAC institutional representatives only*), ARRC lecture theatre

18.00: National School of Government Lecture at the Kings Manor, York City Centre

'Reclaiming Public Administration'

Jocelyne Bourgon, President Emeritus, Canada School of Public Service

19.00-19.30: Drinks Reception and Prize Giving, sponsored by Sage Publications and *Public Policy and Administration*.

19.30: Annual Dinner at the Kings Manor, York City Centre

Tuesday

9.30: Panels 1, 2 and 3¹

Panel 1. Joining-Up Government

A multi-dimensional approach to joining up public policy delivery
Richard Breese (ODF Perspectives) and Jim Chandler (Sheffield Hallam University, UK)

¹ All panels will be hosted in the ARRC building in Alcuin College. Full details of locations will be provided in your conference programme which you will receive on arrival.

Redefining the scope of public service delivery – the UK government and the challenge of climate change

Felicity Matthews (University of Sheffield, UK)

'Why does government find it so hard to be strategic?'

Sean Lusk (National School of Government)

Panel 2. Public Participation

Exploring participation and representation: theory and practice in the policy process

Catherine Bochel (University of Lincoln, UK)

Evaluating the Impact and Effectiveness of User and Public Participatory Strategies in the National Health Service – A Grounded Theoretical Approach

Fiona Aspinal (University of York, UK)

New Interpretivism in Critique? Statecraft and electoral administration in the UK, 1997-2007

Toby James (University of York, UK)

Panel 3. Theorising Competition States – Understanding Cerny

Convenor: Neil Lunt (York Management School, UK)

Reconsidering the Competition State

Philip G Cerny (Rutgers University, USA)

Making Sense of Competition States – the role of agency in State Transformation

Sarah Radcliffe (University of York, UK),

Discussants: *Mark Evans (University of York, UK) and Neil Lunt (York Management School, UK)*

11: Tea/Coffee

11.30: Panels 4 and 5

Panel 4. Practice Forum:
Modernising Civil Services and Professional Skills for Government

Convenors: *Francis Coxhead (National School of Government, UK), Janet Grauberg (PMPA, UK), Paul Joyce (Liverpool Business School, UK), Ellen Roberts (University of York, UK)*

This year's Practice Forum convened by the NSG and PMPA brings together the academic and practice community to assess the professional training implications for the modernising civil services agenda. Its aim is to: a) identify a set of common principles to underpin professional training for government; b) develop a curriculum template; and, c) provide a forum for lesson-drawing between the academic and practice communities in areas of common concern.

Panel 5. Social Policy and Public Administration: Marriage or Divorce?

Roundtable discussion convened by Jim Goddard (University of Bradford, UK) and John Hudson (University of York, UK) for the Social Policy Committee of the Joint University Council.

Is the drift from 'Social Policy and Administration' to 'Social Policy' indicative of a wider and unhealthy breach between the two subjects? This panel explores the common intellectual traditions of the two subjects and how bridges can now be built between them.

13.00: Lunch in Vanbrugh College

14.00: Panels 6, 7, 8

Panel 6. ESRC Public Services Programme Panel

Convenor: Oliver James (*University of Exeter, UK*)

Discussant: Research on Public Services: The ESRC's Whitehall and Public Services Programmes

Rod Rhodes (*University of Tasmania and Australian National University*)

Does Top Management Team Turn-over Affect Public Service Performance?
George A. Boyne (Cardiff), Oliver James (Exeter), Peter John (Manchester) and Nicolai Petrovsky (Cardiff)

Public Services Reform in Scotland: synthesizing current knowledge
Tobias Jung and Stephen Osborne (Edinburgh University, UK)

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Panel 8. Local Government

The place for community in a globalising world? Local government restructuring in Britain

J. A. Chandler (Sheffield Hallam University, UK)

Gender Mainstreaming in English Local Government – the Case of North Yorkshire

Sharleene Bibbings (University of York, UK)

Why Do Organisations Change? Evidence of Old and New Institutionalism in English Local Government

Tom Entwistle (Cardiff Business School, Cardiff University, UK)

Political Parties in English Local Government: Defending Local Autonomy and Self-Governance, or Colluding in Destroying Local Autonomy

Colin Copus (Birmingham University, UK)

15.30: Tea/Coffee

16.00: Panels 9, 10, and 11

Panel 9 Practice Forum:
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Convenors: *Francis Coxhead (National School of Government, UK), Janet Grauberg (PMPA, UK), Paul Joyce (Liverpool Business School, UK), Ellen Roberts (University of York, UK)*

Panel 10. Risk Assessment – Public Finance

Convenors: *Darinka Asenova (Glasgow Caledonian University, UK) and Matthias Beck (York Management School, UK)*

Making more widespread use of municipal bonds in Scotland

Stephen J. Bailey, Darinka Asenova, and John Hood (Glasgow Caledonian University, UK)

UpLIFTing PFI: Does LIFT improve risk management in public-private procurement?

Deborah Fitzsimmons and Sally Brown (York Management School, UK)

Risk, Refinancing and the Profitability of UK PFI Projects

Steven Toms, Matthias Beck and Darinka Asenova (York Management School, UK)

Is Culture Measurable? Culture as a Framework of Risk Perception and Control

Ayako Nakamura (University of Exeter)

Panel 11. Sub national Government

Is there anything characteristic about *English* Regional Governance?

Sarah Ayres and Ian Stafford (University of Bristol, UK)

Devolving Public Services in Scotland and Wales – Implications for Citizens

Catherine Farrell (University of Glamorgan) and Margaret Arnott (Glasgow Caledonian University)

Europeanization and the Scottish Government's Action Plan on European Engagement

James Smith (Glasgow Caledonian University)

Belonging Communities" in the New English Councils: The Rhetoric Of Leadership`

John Fenwick and Janice McMillan (Northumbria University)

18.00: Frank Stacey Memorial Lecture sponsored by *Policy Studies*

`Observation, interpretation and public administration:
scenes from life at the top`

Professor Rod Rhodes Professor of Government in the School of Government at the University of Tasmania, and Distinguished Professor of Political Science in the Political Science Program at the Australian National University.

19.00-1930: Drinks Reception and Prize Giving, sponsored by York MPA and Professional Training Programmes, Vanbrugh College

19.30: Annual Memorial Dinner followed by Late Bar, Vanbrugh College

Wednesday

9.30am: Panels 12, 13, and 14

Panel 12. Wicked Issues in Public Policy

Chair: Catherine Farrell (Glamorgan)

The Politics of Obesity

Josephine Kelly (Aston University, UK)

The Politics of Drink

John Greenaway (University of East Anglia, UK)

Managing Risk Tradeoffs in Wicked Issues: UK Biofuels Policy

Claire A. Dunlop (University of Exeter, UK)

Panel 13. Civil Service Reform and Professional Skills for Government

Developing senior leaders and managers in public sector: MPA programmes for Chinese local government officials

Weili Teng and Joyce Liddle (Nottingham Trent University, UK)

Public Administration Scholarship: engendering feminism in research and education

Karen Miller and Duncan McTavish (Glasgow Caledonian University, UK)

MPA Education in China

China National MPA Steering Group

Panel 14. Studying Competition States

Chair: Philip G Cerny (Rutgers University, USA)

Winning hearts and minds for the Competition State

Neil Lunt (University of York, UK)

From Competition State to Competition States?

Daniel G. Horsfall (University of York, UK)

Governing the British Competition State

Mark Evans (University of York, UK)

Kazakhstan: the Rise of a Competition State?

Ken Charman (London Business School, UK)

11am: Tea/Coffee

11.30am: Panels 15, 16, and 17

Panel 15. Risk Assessment – Health and Social Policy

Convenors: *Darinka Asenova (Glasgow Caledonian University, UK) and Matthias Beck (York Management School, UK)*

Markets, regulation and reputational risk in the public sector
Ian Greener (University of Durham, UK)

Framing the risk of violence towards mental health nurses
Brodie Paterson (University of Stirling, UK)

Risk assessment and toxics reduction in the UK: a case study of wood
Andrew Watterson (University of Stirling, UK)

Panel 16. Public Value Management

A project in search of a big idea – Gordon Brown and Public Services Reform
Mark Evans (University of York, UK)

“Ask me - I won't say No - How could I?” An experiment to encourage civic behaviour among callers to a Local Authority Contact Centre
Sarah Cotterill and Liz Richardson (University of Manchester, UK)

Public value management in parliamentary democracies: possibilities and pitfalls
Francesca Gains (University of Manchester, UK) and Gerry Stoker (University of Southampton, UK)

Panel 17. Public-Private Partnerships

Presence or Partnership? – Voluntary and Private Sector Influence in Community Planning In Scotland
Stephen Sinclair (Deputy Director Scottish Poverty Information Unit)

Cooperation for local governance in Thailand: Public-Private Partnerships in Solid Waste Management in the Case of Rayong City Municipality
Taweesak Kritjaroen (University of York)

1pm: Lunch in Vanbrugh College

2pm: Panels 18 and 19

Panel 18: Administrative Reform in China

Chair: Mark Evans (*University of York, UK*)

Administrative reform in a New Authoritarian State: the case of China

Hongxia Chai (University of York, UK)

Understanding public participation in China

Wei Na (School of Public Administration, Renmin University China)

Patterns of administrative development: the case of China

Li Wenzhao (School of Public Administration, Renmin University China)

The rise of not for profit organisations in China

Na La (School of Public Administration, Renmin University China)

Panel 19: Collaborative Governance and International Development

Chair: Sultan Barakat (*University of York, UK*)

Collaborative Governance and Community-driven Development: the Case of Afghanistan's National Solidarity Programme

David Connolly (University of York, UK)

Collaborative Governance and New Public Management: Introducing Performance Standards in Kazakhstan

Ken Charman (London Business School)

MOJA KWA MOJA: the context of policy transfer, privatising Kenya Airways

Andrew Massey (University of Exeter)

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