

Call for Papers

Australian Journal of Public Administration invites submissions for a Special Issue on ‘Hybridity and Public Management’

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Scope and focus of the Special Issue

We invite proposals for a Special Issue of the *Australian Journal of Public Administration*, which will explore the ever-increasing forms of hybridity that characterize current systems of public management and public policy. These forms of hybridity present themselves in the form of joint ownership, public-private partnerships, outsourcing and marketisation, multiple sources of financing, an extensive variety of mechanisms of control, and increases in parallel and incongruous policy goals. While hybridity may be a strength of these arrangements and a factor that contributes to novel synergies and innovations, it can also promote excessive ambiguities, accountability problems and value clashes within policy systems. This special issue call therefore seeks proposals from papers which will develop our knowledge of hybridity and its strengths and weaknesses in terms of both theory and practice.

We seek proposals from the widest possible range of disciplines. However, papers must be centered around issues of public management, public policy and governance (broadly conceived) as one of the purposes of this special issue is to build coherence from the dispersal of works that currently focus on hybridity so that a solid and comprehensive contribution can be delivered to those with an interest in public management. We therefore invite both conceptual and empirical contributions that explore various facets of hybridity relating to public management, public policy and governance. More specifically, the topics of the papers may be associated with, but are not limited to the following issues, topics and questions:

- Management of different types of hybrid arrangements, such as state-owned enterprises (SOE), quasi non-governmental organizations, public private partnerships (PPP) and social enterprises (SE).
- Management of goal incongruence and other effects of mixing different institutional logics in the same organization or in a larger network.
- Variety in the sources of funding in managing public policies.
- Impact of hybridity on strategic management, performance management and accountability of service delivery systems.
- Current forms of crises shaping the role and identity of public management in governing hybridity (e.g. pandemics, security and sustainability).
- The role of public managers, and other professionals in creating understanding on hybridity and hybrid governance.
- Collaborative forms of governance as responses to deal with the problems of institutional hybridity.
- Financial and social forms of control in the hybridized service delivery.

Submission procedure and timeline

Proposals should be sent by email with the heading “hybridized public management”, a title, author(s) names and affiliation, and a short abstract (no more than 300 words) to Jan-Erik.johanson@tuni.fi and Jarmo.vakkuri@tuni.fi no later than 30 November 2022. Authors whose proposals are accepted will be asked to deliver their full research article draft by 1 March 2023. Final submissions (max 8,000 words including all figures, tables and references) will be expected by 1 June 2023. All other inquiries should be sent to Jan-Erik.johanson@tuni.fi and Jarmo.vakkuri@tuni.fi

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