Call for Papers

Urban Governance in Europe: Preparing for Diversity, Social Sustainability and Migration

In many European countries the population is increasingly moving to cities. In this context, some cities are facing a range of challenges due to rapid growth, while others may be facing challenges due to population decline and many others are struggling in the aftermath of the financial crisis. Examples of problems faced by European cities are local pollution, congestion, lack of appropriate housing, inequality and insecurity. Public administrations need to pay attention to governance processes in dealing with these types of challenges. By “governance” we mean better knowledge of organisational solutions, mechanisms and outcomes, both from a top-down and a bottom-up perspective. This type of knowledge is important in understanding processes that are shaping the city, but also to stimulate a positive development and thereby prevent conflict.

The international symposium on “Urban Governance in Europe: Preparing for Diversity, Social Sustainability and Migration”, organised by the Department of Public Management, Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, 28–30 September 2016, addressed these issues. In order to develop and disseminate issues for public administration research and practice, the journal will publish a special issue based on papers presented at this symposium, however, other papers relevant to this theme are also welcome. Relevant topics include, but are not restricted to:

- Inequality and social cohesion
- Housing and the real estate market in cities and urban areas
- Public space
- Gentrification and segregation
- Area-based initiatives
- Cultural entrepreneurship
- Political steering
- Questions of accountability and representation
- Democracy and participation
- Policy, planning and implementation to manage future challenges

Papers addressing political strategies, instruments and solutions, and effects and assessments of policies are particularly welcome.

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Deadline for submission: 1 February 2017. Submit your manuscript in accordance with the SJPA author guidelines, see sjpa.gu.se, mark your submission “Urban governance”.