



New Modes of Governance in the New and Old Member States Similarities and Differences



International Seminar
26 October 2007, Warsaw (Poland)

Call for Papers and Participants

The Institute of Public Affairs is pleased to invite paper proposals for the International Seminar “New Modes of Governance in the New and Old Member States – Similarities and Differences” which will take place in Warsaw, 26 October 2007.

The aim of the seminar is to reflect on the emergence, functioning and impact of new modes of governance in new and old member states. The background for shaping administrative and political culture was fundamentally different in old and in new member countries. In the latter case, it was the tradition of a socialist and authoritarian state, in the former – of a democratic state where a highly developed civic society cooperated with administrative structures. Among the main differences are, (1) the issue of openness of public administration to public scrutiny and the willingness of public administration to work together with social partners; (2) the role played in administration by politicians, the level of politicisation of public officers and civil servants; (3) the quality of the public policy debates; and (4) dominant intellectual concepts relating to the directions of changes in the functioning of administration and economy and to the role of administration in socio-economic development.

The themes to be addressed at the seminar in paper sessions and/or in round table discussions are:

1. Which factors have influenced the adoption of New Models of Governance (NMG) in New and Old Members States? What is the role of efficiency, legitimacy or external obligations (such as EU accession requirement)? Is the division between old and new member states crucial or are other factors such as administrative culture more important? What is the impact of the type of policy, political culture or the country institutionalisation?
2. To what extent the NMG, once emerged, are likely to evolve and change their function? What are the intended and realized functions of NMG? Can they be used to legitimise non-participatory methods of decision making?
3. What determines the success of failure of NMG implementation in new member countries and what in old ones? Are New Member States distinct in this respect? If so, is it easier or more difficult for them to absorb NMG?
4. New Models of Governance: solution or a problem? Under what conditions NMG make it easier for certain groups to capture the state or enhance other pathologies in public administration?



The seminar will be facilitated by, among others, Professor Tanja A. Börzel from the Free University Berlin (NEWGOV Cluster 3 Coordinator), Professor Adrienne Héritier from the European University Institute, Florence (NEWGOV Scientific Director), Professor Lena Kolarska-Bobińska from the Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw (NEWGOV Member of Steering Committee) and Professor Stefano Bartolini from the European University Institute, Florence (NEWGOV Coordinator and Chair of the Steering Committee).

Papers

Researchers from NEWGOV and CONNEX are invited to submit abstracts of papers (max. 2,000 characters) within one of the four themes mentioned above. The abstracts should be submitted to the attention of the Selection Committee at newgov@isp.org.pl by **29th July 2007**. Kindly remember to write “NMG in New and Old Members seminar” in the subject. Potential paper givers will be notified by **10th August 2007** whether their paper has been accepted or not.

Programme

The initial agenda of the seminar includes three sessions:

1. Emergence of the new modes of governance and its impact in terms of legitimacy and effectiveness.
2. The functioning of the New Modes of Governance in Old and New Member States.
3. New Modes of Governance in Old and New Member States – Lessons for policy making and policy makers.

The final seminar programme will be available by 1st September 2007 at www.isp.org.pl and www.eu-newgov.org.

Costs and Registration

Participants from NEWGOV and CONNEX without a paper are invited to register by email newgov@isp.org.pl by **1st September 2007**.

Seminar participation and the stay in Poland will be covered by the NEWGOV Consortium for participants presenting papers. Coverage for all other seminar participants will be available upon request. Participants are also invited to cover the travel and accommodation expenses themselves (e.g. from their own project budget).

Seminar participation, paper presentation and local accommodation in Warsaw will be organized by the Institute of Public Affairs.

For further information please contact Mr. Piotr Maciej Kaczyński at newgov@isp.org.pl or consult the seminar webpage: <http://www.isp.org.pl/newgov>.