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2015 International Congress of the IIAS

The International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) in close collaboration with the Fundação Getúlio Vargas is organizing the 2015 International Congress of IIAS to be held from 22 to 26 June in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The congress will bring together government professionals, academics and practitioners, PhD students and young researchers in public administration and management, as well as contributors from other disciplines who will exchange on the following main theme

Trust in Public Administration

Trust is considered as a crucial issue at all levels of governance. An effective democratic society depends on the confidence citizens have in their government for designing and managing public policies and public sector (citizens/users trust) but also on the trust that civil servants have in the public sector reforms (inner trust, within the public sector). During the recent decades, with the economic and other crises and with the current developments in the governance systems, we observed a decrease of the trust in governments and in public administration. The distrust is alarming and questions the models of governance, the democratic system and calls for innovations to improve the performance, efficiency and effectiveness in responding to the citizens' needs and to the challenges of our society. Restoring trust requests several measures/actions to strengthen integrity, transparency, accountability but also the engagement/involvement of all the partners/stakeholders of this interaction.

SUBTHEMES:

1. Citizens/Customers' Trust in Governments, Public Administration and Public Sector at all levels of governance

Regarding subtheme 1, IIAS welcomes contributions covering the following aspects:

- empirical evidence as to the level of trust public administration institutions enjoy, and its variation over time and place;
- empirical evidence as to the initiatives taken by public administration institutions to increase their level of trust – including but not limited to accountability systems and ethical and integrity standards – and their effectiveness;
- theoretical explanations for differing levels of trust;
- propositions to increase the level of trust public administration institutions enjoy.

2. Trust from Government in Society

Under the subtheme 2, the participants will address the following issues:

- the trust of governments in the capacity of citizens to be associated to the process of co-design, co-production and co- evaluation of Public Administration Public Sector and regulatory reforms as well as to the public policies;
- how officials and citizens can be conscious of their role as co-producers in the process of public service delivery;

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- the role of networks and civil society associations and the level of reciprocal trust;
- techniques and tools to involve citizens' participation in governmental action;
- relations between participatory/collaborative governance, responsive delivery services and trust.

3. Administrative Trust in Public Administration Reforms: inner-trust, civil servants' trust and interorganisational trust

This subtheme covers different aspects:

- trust between civil servants;
- trust between public sector organizations;
- trust between politicians;
- trust between politicians and the civil service (Bouckaert, 2012);
- trust or faith of policy-makers in the effectiveness of their reform initiatives.

For this subtheme, IIAS welcomes contributions examining, for one or many of these aspects, theoretical and/or empirical contributions on

- the accountability mechanisms (such as performance contracts, audit and inspection mechanisms, performance management systems) put in place to create trust, their effectiveness and side effects;
- innovative instruments aimed at creating trust, building for instance on interpersonal networks, ethical codes of conducts, and participative mechanisms.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND REVIEW PROCEDURE:

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- An abstract of no more than 1000 words (in English or in French) must be submitted by **15 December 2014** at the latest and should be uploaded through <http://www.iias-congress2015.org> under "registration-submission" **as from 15 October only**.
- In line with the aims of the IIAS, papers must have a scientific character (explicitly political or overly ideological papers are not suitable).
- If you need any help, please contact a.deboeck@iias-iisa.org



SELECTION OF ABSTRACTS

The rapporteurs proceed with the selection of abstracts based on the congruence of the proposal with the call for papers. If needed they suggest, to the authors ways of improving the papers, and increasing their relevance for the congress.



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INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACCEPTANCE STATUS

- The authors are informed about the acceptance status of their proposal by **15 January 2015**. Acceptance of abstract = the final paper is accepted for presentation during the congress.
- The authors whose contribution has been accepted will be invited to submit their full paper according to a specific guideline.



SUBMISSION OF FINAL PAPERS

- Final papers should be uploaded through <http://www.iias-congresses2015.org> under "registration-submission" (using the same credentials used for uploading your abstract) by **15 April 2015** at the latest. If you need any help, please contact a.deboeck@iias-iisa.org
- Final abstract and paper will be displayed on the congress website to facilitate the debate during the different sessions. There will be password protected and therefore only available for those who are registered for the congress.



ORGANISATION OF THE FORUM'S SESSIONS

- The programme of the sessions will be available on the Congress' website <http://www.iias-congress2015.org> by the end of April 2015.

IMPORTANT:

- All papers which **were not submitted** in full format prior the deadline; all papers of unregistered authors and papers of authors who have not paid the registration fees (prior to the event unless specific notification) **will be withdrawn** from the programme and the authors **will not be allowed** to present their papers at the event.
- Copies of papers will not be provided by the Organizers during the Event. Authors of papers are welcome to bring copies for distribution.



DURING THE CONGRESS: PRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATION

The authors will be asked to participate **in all the sessions** of the group in which their contribution has been accepted to react to each other's viewpoint.

A **certificate of participation**, will be delivered namely including paper information, after the closing of the event.

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