

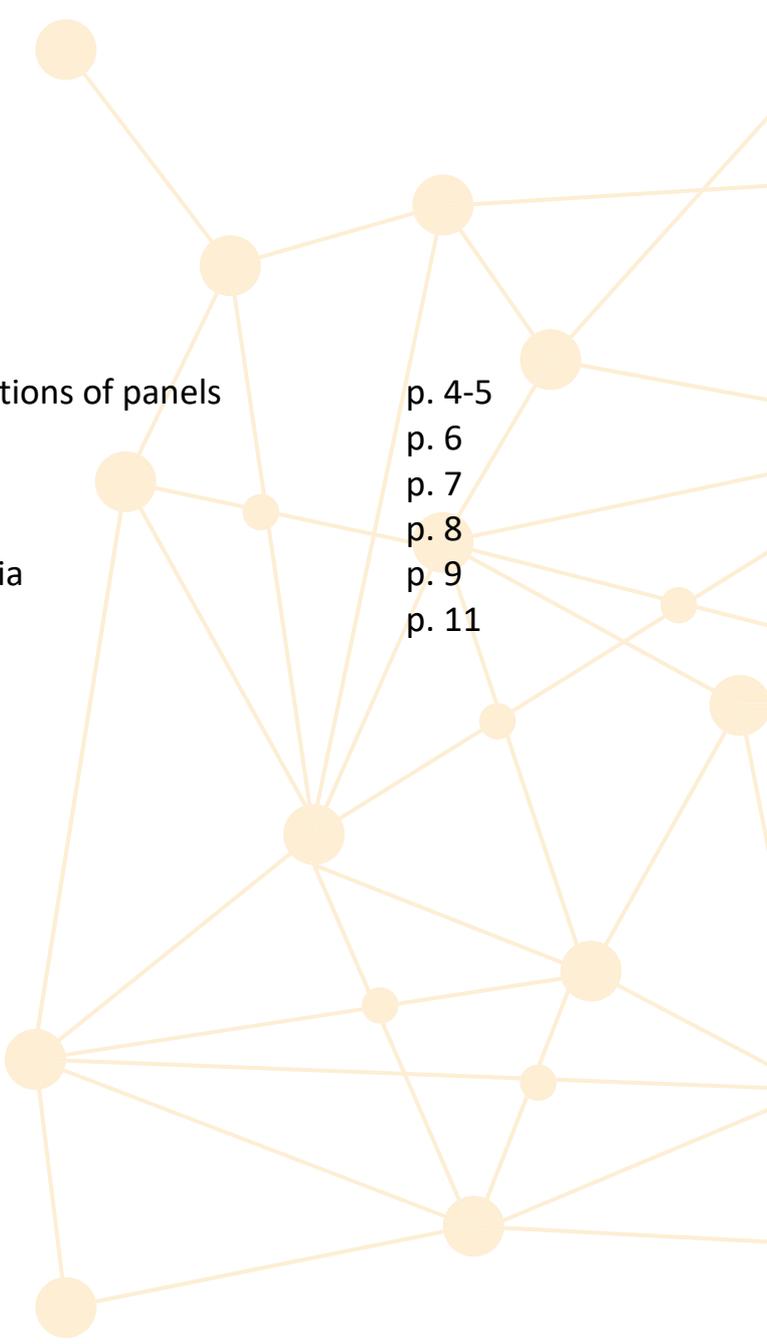


Netherlands Institute of Governance

# Conference program

2021

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Dear friend of NIG,

We are happy to welcome you to the 2021 NIG conference!

We have missed connecting with you in person, exchanging ideas with you and discussing research. This year all of that is finally happening again but in a different form than we hoped. However, we still think it is great to be able to see and meet you and hope you enjoy the conference.

In this booklet, you will find everything you need to navigate these two conference days and get to where you need to be.

In this booklet you also find a few things we have in store for you the remainder of this academic year, namely:

- A **call for 5 new NIG research-colloquia**.
- Our **PhD course curriculum** including several new exciting courses.

We hope you enjoy today and tomorrow!

See you soon,



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# Full conference overview

Time	Wednesday 17-11	Room <sup>1</sup>
<b>09:30-10:00</b>	Walk-in and registration	floor 3
<b>10:00-12:00</b>	Panel 1 Algorithmic Governance	211
	Panel 2 Behavioral Public Administration	111
	Panel 3 Critical and Interpretative Public Administration	416
	Panel 5 Effective EU Governance	212
	Panel 7 Local and regional governance	415
	Panel 8 Managing and leading employees in public organizations	414
	Panel 9 Making accountability work in modern governance	411
	Panel 11 Spanning boundaries in collaborative governance	214
	Panel 12 Street-level decision making in complex environments	314
	<b>12:00-13:00</b>	Lunch including award ceremony of the <i>Van Poeljeprijs en Supervisor of the Year Award</i>
<b>13:00-15:00</b>	Panel 1 Algorithmic Governance	211
	Panel 3 Critical and Interpretative Public Administration	416
	Panel 4 Cooperation and Legitimacy in international relations	116
	Panel 5 Effective EU Governance	212
	Panel 6 Good governance and administrative ethics	115
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	Panel 10 Public value management and assessment	111
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	<b>17:00-17:30</b>	Everyone must leave the building

<sup>1</sup> Rooms in the 100's are floor 1, 200's on floor 2, 300's on floor 3 and 400's on floor 4.

Time	Thursday 18-11	Room <sup>2</sup>
<b>09:30-10:00</b>	Walk-in and registration	floor 3
<b>10:00-12:00</b>	Panel 2 Behavioral Public Administration	314
	Panel 3 Critical and Interpretative Public Administration	312
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	Panel 5 Effective EU Governance	116
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<b>12:00-13:00</b>	Lunch	floor 3
<b>13:00-15:00</b>	VB-NIG Dialogue	412
<b>15:00-16:00</b>	End of conference drinks	floor 3
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	Everyone must leave the building	

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## VB-NIG Dialogue 2021

### The significance of public administration

What about the significance of public administration? Do we, as public administration scholars, contribute sufficiently to societal and political debates? Are we relevant in the light of major societal developments such as social media influences and the rise of populism? Do we play visible roles as public administration scholars in, for example, the recent child allowance affair, or the nitrogen- and corona crises? Are connections between science and practice strong enough to respond to these challenges? Are scholars societally active and assertive enough? Furthermore, what is the position of public administration within the sciences? How are 'softer sciences' like public administration positioned vis-à-vis highly valued beta and life sciences?

These and related questions call for a dialogue. We hope to attract a mixed group of scholars as well as practitioners to have a dialogue on the significance of public administration in society, practice and academia.

**When:** November, 18th, 2021; 13.00 -15.00hr

**Where:** Jaarbeurs, Utrecht

**Who:** Everyone who works in public administration science and practices, and who is interested in enhancing the significance of public administration in society, practice and academia is welcome!

#### Program:

##### 13.00-13.10: Welcome

- prof.dr Mirko Noordegraaf, chair Vereniging voor Bestuurskunde (VB) and vice-dean for Societal impact, Utrecht University.

##### 13.10-13.45: Keynote on the Significance of Public Administration

- prof.dr. Paul 't Hart, professor of public administration Utrecht University and vice dean of the Netherlands School of Public Administration (NSOB).

##### 13.50-14.00: Reflection on keynote from professional practice

- drs. Loes Mulder, secretary-general Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment.

##### 14.05-14.15: Reflection on keynote from next generation public administration scholar

- dr. Warda Belabas, assistant professor of public administration, Erasmus University Rotterdam.

##### 14.15-14.50: Plenary Dialogue

##### 14.50-15.00: Closure

#### Chaired by:

dr. Brenda Vermeeren, Board Member Vereniging voor Bestuurskunde, Associate Professor of public administration, Erasmus University Rotterdam and dr. Femke Verwest, Board Member Vereniging voor Bestuurskunde, Sector head of the Urbanisation and Mobility (V&M) department at the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL)

# A note from Public Note

***Public Note is a semi-academic journal for young researchers, by young researchers within Public Administration, Political Science and social sciences in general. We publish the papers and articles of excellent bachelor-, master- and PhD-students.***

*Every year students graduate after researching relevant societal challenges. Unfortunately this knowledge often 'disappears' in the archives of universities. We, as Public Note, believe this research can be of great value in practice and for the development of science. Therefore, we offer a place where research results can be published and read by a vaster audience, including academics as well as practitioners. In this way we bridge the gap between the knowledge of students and practitioners in the public realm and academia. On top of this, students are able to gain experience with publishing academic articles, pitching their results and participating in knowledge events.*

*Students can publish with us in two ways: peer-reviewed articles (science notes) and shorter, creative essays or 'pitches' (public notes). All articles are reviewed by PhD-students, who in this way can develop their reviewing skills. In 2021, we have published our 8<sup>th</sup> edition as well as a Special Issue with the Undergraduate Research Symposium.*

*Are you interested in our initiative and would you like to get involved? There are multiple ways in which you can!*

1. **Send in an article**
  - a. Send in an article yourself, about a topic you are passionate about or;
  - b. Motivate your students to send in their best papers;
2. **Join our reviewer pool.** We are always looking for enthusiastic PhD-students who can help us ensure the academic quality of Public Note! This is also a great way to gain experience in the important academic skill of reviewing. Twice every year we publish an edition and when an article related to your expertise is sent in, we will reach out to you;
3. **Join our editorial board!** We are looking for motivated PhD-students who would like to engage as a board member by connecting to reviewers and guiding authors towards publication. We invite people from all backgrounds, including international students!

Interested? Send an email to [info@publicnote.nl](mailto:info@publicnote.nl) or come chat with us during the conference. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Kind regards, the Editorial Board of Public Note

*Atharv Dhiman, Jim Romijn, Mirte van Hout, Oemar van der Woerd, Rosa Rietkerk, Sheeling Neo, Tara Tankink*

## Call to join *Science Dates*

Are you a young or new academic working in the field of Public Administration or Political Science?

A PhD-candidate, Postdoc or Assistant Professor?

And would you like to join the conversation with other researchers on the future of your discipline and academic life?

In the new 'Science Dates' series<sup>3</sup>, we bring together two young academics for a lively conversation, a sharp discussion and a glance into the life of a researcher.

Expect enticing questions and dilemma's such as: *'What lesson have your students taught you?'*, *'Do you ever suffer from Impostor Syndrome?'* or *'A high H-Index or a frequent guest at a popular late-night talk show?'*.

Through a series of short videos recorded in an informal podcast setting, we will delve into these themes and many more.

Want to be a part of the discussion? Then sign up at [Sciencedates@bestuurskunde.nl](mailto:Sciencedates@bestuurskunde.nl) and join the conversation!

Science Dates is an initiative by Shelena Keulemans, Henrico van Roekel, Bart Haagsma, Bert Fraussen and Glenn Houtgraaf, with support from NIG and VB.



<sup>3</sup> This series is based on the Corona Lectures hosted last – and this year by the Vereniging voor Bestuurskunde

# Call for 5 new research-colloquia

We are excited to announce a **call for funding** for **new NIG research-colloquia**.

We currently host 6 colloquia:



We aim to expand our current colloquia so they represent the diverse themes in our field. Colloquia are research networks consisting of NIG members of varying universities who share an interest in a substantive topic or approach.

Colloquia can be aimed at:

1. Advancing a central research theme (such as Multilevel Local Democracy)
2. Advancing a tradition (such as Critical and Interpretive Public Administration); or
3. Any other out-of-the-box application (such as a network of mid-level career academics) or a combination of (1), (2) and/or (3).

Colloquia must facilitate exchange between junior and senior scholars. Colloquia are free to organize activities as they see fit such as, for instance, joint research activities or hosting guest lectures.

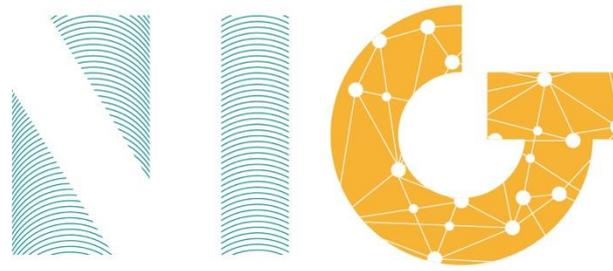
We offer:

- Financial support of 5.000 euros to host suitable activities.
- We offer funding for 5 new colloquia.
- Our advisory council and board will decide which colloquia are eligible for funding based on the six application criteria indicated on our website.

**Deadline** is Monday **January 31st**.

# Course schedule spring 2022

<p><b>Date</b> 13, 19, 20 January</p> <p><b>Instructors</b> <i>Paul 't Hart</i> <i>Femke Verwest</i></p>	<p><b>Making Science on Politics and Governance Matter: Strategies for 'Bridging the Gap' Between knowledge and policy</b></p> <p>Dealing with current governance challenges requires a strengthening of the connections between science, policy and society in order to increase the quality, usage and impact of scientific knowledge. After completing this module, you will have a better understanding of (a) the distinctive nature and challenges of 'engaged' and 'applied' research on politics and governance, and (b) strategies and behavioral repertoires for balance academic/methodological with practical/strategic considerations in research that is explicitly meant to have a societal impact.</p>
<p><b>Date</b> 21-25 February</p> <p><b>Instructors</b> <i>Merlijn van Hulst</i> <i>Dimiter Toshkov</i></p>	<p><b>Formulating and Answering Research Questions</b></p> <p>We discuss how different methodological assumptions underlying research are manifested in designing research projects and in analyzing and presenting the data collected in the context of this design. In particular, we will cover the construction of research questions; the selection of research goals; the fit between goals, questions and research design; the selection of cases or sites to research and evidence to collect; and strategies for enhancing the trustworthiness (e.g., reliability, validity, credibility) and relevance (generalizability, practical significance, and scientific contribution) of research projects.</p>
<p><b>Date</b> 11 May</p> <p><b>Instructor</b> <i>Zeger van der Wal</i></p>	<p><b>Getting it Published</b></p> <p>Investing time and energy in conducting excellent research makes no sense if you can't get it published. This workshop adopts a very hands-on approach towards the publication process and provides you with many tips and tricks and rich personal experiences from the instructor. We will cover all aspects of the publication process, including writing, reviewing, revising, and outlet targeting. 'Getting it published' is a skill that can learned and trained, and involves strategic and political considerations as much as quality management.</p>
<p><b>Date</b> 6-8 June</p> <p><b>Instructors</b> <i>Karin Lasthuizen</i></p>	<p><b>Take the lead</b></p> <p>The prominent scholar James MacGregor Burns famously stated that leadership is one of the most observed but least understood phenomena on earth. In this course, we will look into the magic concept of leadership in both theoretical and practical ways. We pay specific attention to the 'public' aspect of leadership. This course also allows participants to delve into the practical side of leadership studies, for example by presenting your PhD research with charisma and solving contemporary ethical dilemmas, with the aim of enhancing your own leadership skills.</p>
<p><b>Date</b> 13-17 June (provisional)</p> <p><b>Instructors</b> <i>Erik-Hans Klijn</i> <i>Jenny Lewis</i></p>	<p><b>Network Governance</b></p> <p>Governance networks (including partnerships and coproduced public services), engage public, private and civil society actors at transnational, national, regional and local scales in shaping the future of our societies. Network management can mitigate the risk of failure and enable governance networks to be more effective, democratic, and more innovative. The course offers important opportunities for theoretical and methodological development, and for the generation of new knowledge with both academic and policy relevance.</p>
<p><b>Date</b> 20-23 June</p> <p><b>Instructors</b> <i>Berry Tholen</i> <i>Patrick Overeem</i> <i>+ guests</i></p>	<p><b>Responsibility and Integrity in Research and Advice</b></p> <p>If you have the idea that being a good scientist is more than being a methodologically trained researcher, but are wondering what exactly being a good scientist might entail, this is your course. What, if anything, is the social responsibility of the social scientist? By together studying some classical texts on this question and by debating experiences with a set of exemplary senior colleagues in our field, we will try to develop and sharpen your ideas on issues of scientific responsibility, engagement in politics, dealing with controversial issues, and academic integrity.</p>



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