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## CALL FOR PAPERS

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### About EGPA Permanent Study Group V: The Politics and Management of Policing and Public Safety

The EGPA Permanent Study Group V aims at mainstreaming policing into public administration and vice versa. In doing so, members of this study group foster mutual exchange and learning among scholars and professionals in this field of inquiry – utilizing this potential of cross-fertilization for the advancement of both public administration knowledge and policing practices.

The provision of public order and safety, enforcement of the law, and protection against crime and physical threats – in short, the policing of society represents a core function of the modern state. In fact, policing lies right at the heart of the relationships between citizens and the state, with questions of legitimacy, equity, power, authority, governance as well as (the effectiveness and efficiency of) organizational performance as central matters of interest.

Policing and the provision of public safety materialize in a variety of institutional arrangements, including organizations and actors across different sectors (ranging from government departments and public agencies to non-profit organizations and community groups, but also to commercial corporations) and different levels of government (from local government authorities to sub-national and national levels or even international and supra-national arrangements). While police organizations are at the core of the scholarly and professional interest of this study group, the analysis of policing includes complex institutional arrangements going beyond the boundaries of police authorities. It follows from this that the remit of this study group also covers collaborative arrangements in the fields of public safety and domestic security, including “first responders” (other than the police) as part of the “blue lights community”, law enforcement agencies, private-sector contractors, and non-profit organizations or voluntary associations at the community level. In particular, the research agenda of PSG V places extra emphasis on different historic and national contexts which have led to divergent pathways in public values, community-government relationships, management and leadership of policing.

### Call for participation: submit paper abstracts, propose roundtable discussions and join the community

Still in its formative phase, this Permanent Study Group reaches out to an interdisciplinary and broadly-defined community of academics and professionals who share an interest in the research of policing, law enforcement, and the provision of public safety from an organizational, managerial or governance and public policy analysis perspective.

Therefore, we invite papers exploring questions concerning the legitimacy, equity, power, authority, governance and organizational performance in policing; the analysis of organizational functions such as strategic planning, human resource management, budgeting and evaluation, coordination of operations, control of accountability of policing, cooperation with public and private partners; whether and how policing is value-creating or value-destroying in different settings and social environments; changing roles and expectations of police at points of political and societal change and/or stress and austerity; and comparative analysis of policing values, operations, consequences in or across different locales.

The Study Group is committed to a plurality of theories and methods. We invite papers that are theoretical or empirical, descriptive or explanatory. However, we appreciate submissions with a sound conceptual and/or theoretical background and an appropriate methodological approach. Comparative papers that pursue research questions in the field across time, national borders, levels of government or special functions of policing and law enforcement are particularly encouraged.

Given the interdisciplinary nature of the subject matter, we welcome researchers from different academic fields or sub-fields, ranging from public administration, management research, organization studies, public policy analysis to public law, criminal justice, criminology and beyond.

### Submission of abstracts and proposals

We welcome contributions in different formats. Submissions, based on an abstract of no more than 500 words, should be made through the EGPA conference management system.

**Standard papers:** To be offered for presentation in the panel which will be ongoing through the conference. All papers will be allocated a discussant. When you submit an abstract, you also indicate your willingness to be a discussant of another paper.

**Roundtable discussion:** This format will involve a set of short presentations on a particular topic, with presentations from three or more different countries, to enable a cross-national perspective on policing. In submitting a round table idea, please contact the co-chairs of PSG V directly in the first instance.

Please submit your paper abstract or roundtable idea including the following information:

1. **Personal details:**

- a. Name(s) of author(s)
- b. Institutional affiliation
- c. Contact details of author(s)

2. **Paper abstract (500 words max.):** Please provide details of your proposed paper, including title, research questions, conceptual/theoretical approach and methodological orientation as well as expected contribution to the literature and/or professional development.

3. **Roundtable proposal (500 words max.):** Please provide details of your proposed format, including focus and relevance of topic, suggested participants and expected audience, expected contribution to professional and/or academic development.

When submitting your abstract and/or proposal, please indicate your preference regarding **in-person** meetings or **online** sessions. While being committed to onsite events, we also envisage online presentations and discussions upon demand.

The submission process ends on **May 17, 2023** (available only as online submission directly through the **EGPA 2023 Conference Management System**):

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## Practicalities

### *Important dates:*

- ✓ Deadline for online submission of abstracts: May 17, 2023
- ✓ Notification of authors about accepted or rejected abstracts: May 31, 2023
- ✓ Deadline for online submission of full papers: August 17, 2023
- ✓ EGPA PhD Symposium : 5-6 September 2023
- ✓ EGPA Conference: 6-8 September 2023

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