Panel proposal for the 2019 IRSPM Conference Wellington, New Zealand

Panel Title:

PMRA-Sponsored panel: Management and Organizational Performance in Comparative Perspective

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Four key words that capture its essence:

- 1. Management
- 2. Performance
- 3. Theoretical-empirical analysis
- 4. Comparative perspective

A short description of the proposed panel (maximum 500 words):

The Public Management Research Association (PMRA) as part of their cooperative arrangement with IRSPM will sponsor a panel on "Management and Organizational Performance in Comparative Perspective." The panel aims to bring together high quality research with a focus on empirical work that contributes to theoretical issues on the relation between management and organizational outputs / outcomes. The panel seeks papers that contribute to these discussions from different national and institutional contexts.

The panel is open to all types of studies in public management, for example from the perspective of internal organization, strategy, networks and networking, red tape / bureaucracy, performance management, street-level bureaucracy, innovation and technology. We encourage strong theoretical-empirical work, but also welcome theoretical and conceptual papers based on a consistent model with logically derived hypotheses / propositions.

Contribution to the field of public management: Performance in context is one of the major subfields in our discipline. Progress in the field of public management is largely dependent upon our ability to study phenomena from a comparative perspective, striking a balance between abstract theory and idiosyncratic explanations. Thus, the comparative study of management and performance in different contexts is essential to (further) build a comprehensive body of knowledge in the field, exploring the boundary conditions under which modern public management theories hold.

Proposed panel format:

We propose a format with a number of subsequent panels of three to four papers, depending on the number of submissions and available slots.

Note: Claudia Avellaneda is a current board member of the Public Management Research Association (PMRA). René Torenvlied was a board member of PMRA. Together they organized a similar highly successful panel at IRSPM 2018 in Edinburgh in the long-standing tradition of PMRA sponsored panels at IRSPM.