

## 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference

# Collaborative leadership for a sustainable future

11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in Wellington, Aotearoa New Zealand

Today's leaders face growing demands to address unruly global problems and achieve greater sustainability for people, the planet and future generations. This requires leadership that engages many stakeholders across sectors, countries and cultures in decision-making and action. The alternative is that complex change fosters a continued and increasing rise of populist leaders who present 'hero' leadership options based on command and control 'solutions'.

The international context creates an extraordinary chance for researching public sector and political leadership. The Public and Political Leadership (PUPOL) international academic network aims to contribute to solutions and help societies and their leaders address such challenges through research and scholarship focusing on the role of leaders and leadership in the public and political domains.

Bringing the PUPOL conference to Wellington offers the opportunity to reflect on global leadership challenges from the perspective of the world's most recently settled and remote nation, New Zealand, in the South Pacific. Settled by Māori from the tenth century and Europeans after 1800, New Zealand, with nearly 5 million people is also one of the world's oldest continuous democracies and regularly rated among the world's best for the transparency of its government systems and ease of doing business. A coalition government led by Labour party Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, elected in October 2017, represents a generation change in New Zealand politics. It seeks significant change from the market-focused systems of New Public Management adopted in the 1980s - 1990s. The new government seeks to tackle climate change, child poverty, over-priced housing in major cities and to balance economic growth driven by dairying and tourism with stronger environmental protection.

PUPOL 2019 will create momentum for its mostly northern hemisphere membership to debate public and political leadership from the perspective of distance in a country, which is actively rethinking the roles of its public organisations and political leaders and its interaction with other actors and sectors.

### Call for papers

With this year's conference theme, we want to explore collaborative leadership for sustainable outcomes. This conference encourages papers that examine this theme from a public and political leadership perspective but also warmly invites business and community leadership papers.

Papers, workshops and symposia are invited on topics relevant to the theme, including:

- The role of leadership in addressing global challenges and crises - e.g. SDGs, climate change, migration, poverty, health and wellbeing, safety and security;
- The role of leadership and cross-sectoral governance in creating public and social value;
- Collaborative, collective, shared and/or relational leadership theory and practices;
- Sustainable, purpose driven, responsible and/or ethical leadership theory and practices;

- Power, politics and political astuteness in public and political leadership;
- Leadership, social entrepreneurship and triple bottom line outcomes;
- Community and grassroots leadership, social innovation and initiatives for sustainable outcomes;
- Processes and outcomes of leadership on key societal functions - e.g. democratic practices, public trust, policy-making, public services, auditing and monitoring, technology and innovation;
- Negative forms of leadership – e.g. narcissistic leadership, toxic leadership, unethical leadership;
- Place-based leadership and culture, especially cross- cultural and intercultural approaches in researching leadership;
- Original methodological perspectives and comparative studies in researching leadership.

## Key conference dates and deadlines

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| ➤ Submission deadline paper proposals and abstracts (500 words) | 15/11/2018 |
| ➤ Decision on papers  | 15/12/2018 |
| ➤ Deadline for early bird registration                          | 15/02/2019 |
| ➤ Final deadline for submission of full papers and registration | 15/03/2019 |

**The conference fee will be NZD250 for early bird registration and NZD325 after that date.**

For more information and regular updates on the PUPOL 2019 Conference, visit the PUPOL website: [www.pupolnetwork.com](http://www.pupolnetwork.com), or subscribe to the PUPOL mailing list: [www.jiscmail.ac.uk/PUPOL](http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/PUPOL).

## Conference location

New Zealand is well known as a pioneer in many aspects of public governance. At the centre of this activity is Wellington, a compact, lively capital city that offers an unparalleled opportunity to directly engage with parliament and government agencies. Strategically located in the heart of the capital, Victoria Business School invites you to join us in the ‘coolest capital city in the world’ in April 2019.



Note the great opportunity to combine the 4<sup>th</sup> PUPOL conference with the IRSPM Conference taking place 16 till 18 April 2019 (<https://www.irspm.net/news/irspm-2019-conference>).

The Brian Picot Chair in Ethical Leadership, Victoria Business School, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand will host the 4th PUPOL international conference. For specific enquiries please contact the 2019 organising team, the Brian Picot Chair in Ethical Leadership via: [www.victoria.ac.nz/ethical-leadership](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/ethical-leadership)