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1. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On behalf of the PUPOL board, we wish all of you a happy New Year! May there be lots of new research on public and political leadership and a fruitful future for the network. We have a great conference coming up in 2019 and we are looking forward to welcoming many of you there!

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2. LOOKING AHEAD:
THE 4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Kia ora from a sunny Wellington, New Zealand!

We are delighted to announce that we have received **over 40 paper submissions** for PUPOL 2019. The call for papers is now closed. Authors of the 36+ papers that have been accepted have now all been contacted and registrations are under way.

Academic institutions **from across the globe** – 16 countries – will be represented at this year's conference. Countries represented include; Australia, Canada, UK, The Netherlands, America, Germany, The United Arab Emirates, Italy, Sweden, Poland, Indonesia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, The Philippines, South Africa and of course New Zealand.

The conference is being hosted by The Brian Picot Chair in Ethical Leadership at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand and will be based on the University's Marae (Maori meeting house).

Take a look at our website for more information www.victoria.ac.nz/pupol-2019

3. RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- **Crosby, B. C., & Bryson, J. M. (2018). Why leadership of public leadership research matters: and what to do about it. Public Management Review,20(9), 1265-1286.**

Abstract: The tough-talking, take-charge, individualistic view of public leadership is alive and well throughout the world, despite the enthusiasm of leadership scholars for more shared, relational, and collectivist views. The times therefore seem especially appropriate for assessing the state of public leadership theory and research and charting a path forward to enhance understanding of the continued appeal of Great Person leadership and the promise of collective leadership. This essay considers the current public leadership context, highlights distinctive characteristics of *public* leadership, and provides an overview of recent public leadership research through a collective lens. We call for more attention to leadership theory from within public management and the broader leadership fields and to public value and public values in leadership theorizing and research. We suggest public leadership scholars roam more freely through the disciplines and experiment with a variety of methods beyond the traditional case study.
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- **Sørensen, E., & Torfing, J. (2018). The democratizing impact of governance networks: From pluralization, via democratic anchorage, to interactive political leadership. *Public Administration*.**

Abstract: Initially, governance networks were intended as tools for making public governance more effective. Yet, scholars have argued that governance networks also have the potential to democratize public governance. This article provides an overview of theoretical arguments pertaining to the democratizing impact of governance networks. It claims that the initial celebration of the pluralization of public governance and the subsequent call for a democratic anchorage of governance networks should give way to a new concern for how governance networks can strengthen and democratize political leadership. Tying political leadership to networked processes of collaborative governance fosters 'interactive political leadership'. The article presents theoretical arguments in support of interactive political leadership, and provides an illustrative case study of a recent attempt to strengthen political leadership through the systematic involvement of elected politicians in local governance networks. The article concludes by reflecting on how interactive political leadership could transform our thinking about democracy.
>> Read it here.

- **Van Zuydam, S., & Hendriks, F. (2018). Credibility enacted: Understanding the meaning of credible political leadership in the Dutch parliamentary election campaign of 2010. *Journal of Political Marketing*, 17(3), 258-281.**

Abstract: In times of perception politics, the credibility of electoral candidates is a crucial asset in political marketing. This raises the question to which political leaders citizens attribute credibility and how political credibility is gained and lost through media performance. We analyze and compare two contrasting cases during the Dutch parliamentary election campaign of 2010. Whereas in this campaign Mark Rutte—leader of the liberal party VVD—gained credibility, the credibility of Job Cohen—at the time, leader of the social-democratic PvdA—waned substantially.

To understand this we extend the source credibility approach with a dramaturgical approach, and as such we shed light on what happens in the dynamic, interactive process between leaders and audiences in which credibility is constructed.

>> Read it here.

- **de Almeida, P. T., Pinto, A. C., & Cotta, M. (2018). *Technocratic Ministers and Political Leadership in European Democracies*. Springer.**

About the book: This book provides an in-depth analysis of the 'technocratic shift' in ministerial recruitment, measuring its extent and variations over time in fourteen European countries. It addresses the question: who governs in European democratic regimes? Just a few decades ago, the answer would have been straightforward: party-men and (fewer) party-women. More recently, however, and in varying degrees across Europe, a greater proportion of non-politicians or experts have been recruited to government, as exemplified by the 2017 election of Emmanuel Macron to the French Presidency. These experts, frequently labelled "technocrats", increasingly occupy key executive positions and have emerged as powerful actors in the decision-making process. This edited collection explores the contemporary debates surrounding the relationship between technocracy, democracy and political leadership, and will appeal to scholars and advanced students interested in these fields.

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- **Trimble, L. (2018). *Ms. Prime Minister: Gender, Media, and Leadership*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.**

About the book: *Ms. Prime Minister* offers both solace and words of caution for women politicians. After closely analyzing the media coverage of former Canadian Prime Minister Kim Campbell; two former Prime Ministers of New Zealand, Jenny Shipley and Helen Clark; and Australia's 27th Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, Linda Trimble concludes that reporting both reinforces *and* contests unfair gender norms. News about female leaders gives undue attention to their gender identities, bodies and family lives. Yet equivalent men are also treated to evaluations of their gendered personas. And, as Trimble finds, some media accounts expose sexism and authenticate women's performances of leadership.

>> Read it here.

- **Weller, P. (2018). *The Prime Ministers' Craft: Why Some Succeed and Others Fail in Westminster Systems*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.**

About the book: This book addresses major modern controversies in corporate governance, clarifying the issues at stake and assessing the arguments for corporate reform. The main focus is on governance of the large organizations that employ the majority of workforces in developed economies and which account for most of the finance and refinance of the private sector. Shareholder value and shareholder primacy are now under increasing scrutiny having previously been positioned as natural precepts of governance. The book joins that debate with a critique and also with suggestions for company reform that allow for plurality within jurisdictions: the trust firm, industrial foundations, social enterprises, the 'benefit corporation', restricted voting rights, employee representation etc. The book addresses several sets of controversies in corporate governance.

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- **Jalalzai, F. (2018). Women Heads of State and Government. In *Measuring Women's Political Empowerment across the Globe* (pp. 257-282). Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.**

About the book/chapter: This volume brings together leading gender and politics scholars to assess how women's political empowerment can best be conceptualized and measured on a global scale. It argues that women's political empowerment is a fundamental process of transformation for benchmarking and understanding all political empowerment gains across the globe. Chapters improve our global understanding of women's political empowerment through cross-national comparisons, a synthesis of methodological approaches across varied levels of politics, and attention to the ways gender intersects with myriad factors in shaping women's political empowerment. This book is an indispensable resource for scholars of politics and gender, as well as being relevant to a global scholarly and policy community.
>> Read it here.

- **Portice, J., & Reicher, S. (2018). Arguments for European disintegration: A mobilization analysis of anti-immigration speeches by UK political leaders. *Political Psychology*, *39*(6), 1357-1372.**

Abstract: In this article, we develop a mobilization analysis of contemporary antagonism to immigrants. We argue that such antagonism does not arise spontaneously from the cognitions of ordinary people but is mobilized by political actors. This leads us to ask *why* politicians mobilize such antagonisms and *how* they do so. Our analysis, illustrated by set piece speeches on immigration by the four main U.K. party political leaders in the period prior to the 2015 elections, suggests (1) that while these speeches are ostensibly about an intergroup issue, they equally serve intragroup dynamics, notably demonstrating how the speaker serves national interests and hence qualifies to serve as a national representative; (2) the way that speakers mobilize antagonism to immigrants is through construing a variety of forms of threat: spatial threat, economic threat, security threat, and diversity threat. We focus particularly on the last of these because of the ways in which it invokes social psychological arguments and hence speaks in our name. We conclude by raising issues of accountability—both of politicians and social psychologists—regarding the way we talk about immigration.
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4. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Building modern rural policies on long-term visions and societal engagement (H2020)**

The design of modern rural policies requires capturing and anticipating the long-term trends affecting European rural areas. A deeper understanding of how rural communities, territories and businesses will evolve is needed to design new policies that would protect rural areas from the existing threat of decline and help them seize opportunities.

Deadline: **23rd January 2019 at 5 pm (Brussels time)**

More info at here

- **Democratic governance in a turbulent age**

Democratic politics and governance in Europe are facing turbulent times. Party systems have crumbled or been substantially changed and so have citizen attachments to government, political parties and democratic procedures. This sixth NORFACE transnational programme on Democratic governance in a turbulent age offers a timely investigation of the precise nature of this recent turbulence, on how European states can negotiate it and develop strategies to enhance the quality of democratic politics and governance. Researchers from the social sciences are invited to apply for funding on behalf of an international consortium.

Deadline: **19th February 2019**

More information at https://www.norface.net/program/democratic-governance-in-a-turbulent-age/

- **Leadership fellows in public engagement**

The Science and Technology Facilities Council invites applications for its leadership fellows in public engagement call. This enables researchers in an STFC-funded area of science and technology to deliver a prolonged, thematic programme of public engagement at an institution, covering multiple different events and activities. The aim is to create a network of highly-skilled practitioners of public engagement with STFC science who inspire and involve colleagues, students, and the public, in their activities, as well as highlight the achievements of STFC science and technology, demonstrating the excitement of research and the value of STEM to the UK. A substantial part of the activities must also be concerned with leadership and capacity building.

Researchers at a UK research organisation, who have a track record of either research in an STFC-funded area of science and technology or research that has been underpinned by use of STFC's national or international laboratories and facilities, may apply. Applicants must have a demonstrable record of success in planning, delivering, and evaluating public engagement activities to a wide range of audiences. Leadership Fellows must be in the employment of their host research organisation when the fellowship commences or have approached an appropriate research organisation to host the Fellowship upon application.

Grants are worth up to £100,000 for an estimated period of three years.

Deadline: **21st February 2019 at 4 pm**

More information at https://stfc.ukri.org/public-engagement/public-engagement-grants/pe-funding-opportunities/public-engagement-fellowships/

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- **Democratic crisis? Resolving socio-economic and political challenges to reinvigorate democracies (H2020)**

Almost three decades after the End of History essay and debates democracy faces significant challenges. Political developments have been marked by the rise of political forces and discourses promoting populism and nationalism and questioning liberalism. These are often couched in a language of anti-elitism and anti-cosmopolitanism as they seek to profit from citizens' frustration at their socio-economic situation and political shortcomings of democracies. Social, cultural, economic, technological and political challenges related to the legitimacy, accountability, transparency, levels of engagement and effectiveness of democracies need to be addressed normatively and empirically with a view to averting a fundamental crisis in democratic standards.
Deadline: **14th March 2019 at 5 pm (Brussels time)**
More info here

- **Research Leadership Award**

The aim is to support talented scholars who have successfully launched a university career but who need to build a research team of sufficient scale to tackle a distinctive research problem. This creates an opportunity for the development and demonstration of research leadership; that is, for the direction of a modest team or group, whose research may significantly change the established landscape in a particular field of inquiry. Each institution is limited to one bid only.
Deadline: **10th May 2019 at 4 pm**
More information at https://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/research-leadership-awards

- **Trust in governance (H2020)**

Trust is a fundamental condition for a fair and cooperative society. It also plays an important part in contributing to social capital. While a degree of distrust may be required for a well-functioning democracy, waning trust in governments and other institutions and in the EU can impact European governance in multiple ways. The challenge is to restore and improve trust as a basis for sustainable and legitimate governance.
Deadline: **14th May 2019 at 5 pm (Brussels time)**
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5. JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- **Senior Lecturer in Leadership and Management at the University of Derby (UK)**
Deadline: **6th January 2019**
More info at https://jobs.derby.ac.uk/vacancy.aspx?ref=0767-18

- **Head of School of Social & Political Sciences at the University of Lincoln (Brayford – UK)**
The University of Lincoln is seeking an inspirational leader for its School of Social and Political Sciences.
The post would suit someone who would relish an opportunity to make a difference in an ambitious institution, and to take the School to the next level in its development. We are looking for a candidate with experience of leadership within their discipline and applications are particularly welcomed from those whose research interests fit broadly within our existing research areas. The post may attract professorial status for suitably qualified applicants.
Deadline: **27th January 2019**
More info at https://jobs.lincoln.ac.uk/vacancy.aspx?ref=CSS298

- **Assistant/Associate Professor in Public Management / Leadership at the National University of Singapore**
The National University of Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy invites applications for full-time tenure track positions at the Assistant and Associate Professor level in Public Management/Leadership. The appointments are expected to begin on July 1, 2019.
Deadline: **14th March 2019**
More info at https://www.timeshighereducation.com/unijobs/listing/125240/assistant-associate-professor-in-public-management-leadership-/?LinkSource=PremiumListing

6. CALL FOR PAPERS

JOURNALS

- **Special Issue from the PUPOL 2019 Conference - The International Journal of Public Leadership**

A Special Issue of six articles in December 2019, issue 4.

Deadline: **1ˢᵗ June 2019**

More information will be given at the PUPOL 2019 Conference and then published on the website.

- **Leadership in the Digital Era: Social Media, Big Data, Virtual Reality, Computational Methods, and Deep Learning – The Leadership Quarterly**

In this special issue, we would like to see the application of rigorous scientific standards to the study of leadership in the digital era. We intend to publish theoretical and empirical manuscripts, as well as reviews or critiques that will advance our understanding of leadership in the digital era. Specifically, we are interested in research that will help inform basic or applied research and consequently impact policy. In addition to management and psychology research on leadership, we welcome scholarship from other fields including biology, anthropology, computer science, economics, political science, and sociology, among others. Key to success in the submission process is to ensure clear theorizing and operationalization, and, where relevant, well-justified causal claims for empirical papers; creative measurement and designs will be especially welcomed (see Antonakis 2017, pp. 11-16).

Call for Papers: **from 4ᵗʰ September 2019 to 18ᵗʰ October 2019**

More info at https://www.journals.elsevier.com/the-leadership-quarterly/call-for-papers/leadership-in-the-digital-era-social-media-big-data

CONFERENCES

- **35ᵗʰ EGOS Colloquium "Enlightening the Future" – 4ᵗʰ-6ᵗʰ July 2019, Edinburgh (UK) > sub-theme 28: Leadership Development for a Post-truth, Post-human and Post-organizational World**

This sub-theme is aimed at exploring how new theory in leadership development research can help us better understand, critique and resist contemporary work and non-work settings marked by a turn towards the post-truth, post-human and post-organizational.

Deadline: **14ᵗʰ January 2019**

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7. LOOKING FOR SUGGESTIONS & IMPROVEMENTS

We keep working to improve the network and our communication activities.
If you have any suggestion or comment on our work, or any idea on how we could improve the contents of the website and/or of the newsletter, do not hesitate to write us!

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