Public Management and Governance Track

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The environment facing public administrations, public service providers, public managers and front-line personnel is highly uncertain and characterised by many unknowns, which presents huge challenges for the public sector globally.

In the short term, the post-pandemic reorientation provides an opportunity to revisit and reimagine governance arrangements. Through the application of institutional learning, policy makers and public service providers can learn from the experience, adapt their structures, functions and resources and 'bounce forwards' towards a more resilient society.

Alongside ensuring the effective delivery of public value on a day-to-day basis, the public sector must simultaneously drive forward critical initiatives around sustainability, de-carbonisation, and the circular economy. Balancing both short-term pressures alongside longer-term global aspirations, all within the context of (unknown) unknowns, presents opportunities for new knowledge on public management and governance phenomena that occur at, and across, the micro-level (e.g. employees, citizens, volunteers, decision-makers, lobbyists, etc.), meso-level (e.g. organisations, agencies, charities, pressure groups, communities, etc.), and macro-level (central and local governments, municipalities, the UN, the World Health Organisation, etc.).

The Public Management and Governance Track invites the submission of full papers and developmental papers that contribute to these current issues. The track welcomes diverse perspectives, research settings, country contexts, methodologies, and conceptual as well as empirical works.