

The Status of Inter-Governmental Relations and Multi-Level Governance in Europe and the US

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Conference Program



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Welcome Message

BY THE CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS (MARC HOLZER AND EDOARDO ONGARO)

Welcome to the Fourth TransAtlantic Dialogue in a continuing series of collaborations between the American Society for Public Administration and the European Group on Public Administration.

The examination of Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) and Multi-level Governance (MLG) issues is both a growing field of research and a necessary policy-oriented initiative. The rationale for having promoted this particular TransAtlantic Dialogue Conference is the assumption that there is a need for a major social science dialogue on the status of IGR and MLG, one that is intended to explore the status of theories for explaining and interpreting the dynamics of IGR/MLG as well as the developments relevant to both in the public sector context on both sides of the Atlantic.

Generally speaking, there are two very broad notions at the core of the conference topic. The first notion – Intergovernmental Relations – is more about relations within the public sector, and "more American"; the second one – Multi-level Governance – is more pertinent to the crossroads of the vertical (intergovernmental) and horizontal (state-society) dimensions, and "more European." The goal of this conference is to build a bridge between the two academic communities and their particular research streams (or, to use another formulation, the two sets of "cognitive maps," as Professor Alberta Sbragia of Pittsburgh, a U.S. scholar who is thoroughly conversant with the European debate, once put it).

This is the fourth transatlantic dialogue. Four years ago a Flemish scholar had a dream: he envisioned that some subtle, immaterial, but resistant (sometimes very resistant) walls could and should be torn down. We owe a debt of thanks to Professor Geert Bouckaert, and to all those who prepared and conducted the three previous transatlantic dialogues, for the opportunity of being here today. Thanks to you all – many are here in this room – for your efforts that have made today's event possible.

If we enlarge the scope from the immediate history of these transatlantic dialogues to a multi-century perspective, we discover other, even deeper, though sometimes subtler, threads that link Americans and Europeans. On Saturday we will visit the marvelous "Borromeo" Islands; on the way there we will pass close to a famous statue, the very large statue of a Saint, Carlo Borromeo, who was an important figure in the history of Milan. The sculpture was created by utilizing an innovative, original technique that made it possible to build such a giant. That innovation was picked up by a French sculptor, Bartoldi, for molding a much more famous statue that now resides on the west side of the Atlantic: the Statue of Liberty.

It is our pleasure to open the conference. We look forward to excellent presentations, vigorous debates, the beginning of a continuing dialogue and the many collaborations that will result from this forum.

The **keynote speakers** at the **opening plenary session** are **Carl W. Stenberg III** (School of Government, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA), and **Theo Toonen** (Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands). A round table on "The status of Inter-Governmental Relations and Multi-Level Governance in Europe and the US" will be introduced by **Adrienne Héritier** (European University Institute Florence, Italy), led by **Jeff Straussman** (Dean, School of Public Affairs, Albany, USA) and attended by **Elio Borgonovi** (Università Bocconi, Milano, Italy), **Michael McGuire** (Indiana University, USA), **Claudio Radaelli** (University of Exeter, UK) and **Christoph Reichard** (Emeritus at Potsdam University, Germany). The **closing plenary session** is chaired by **Geert Bouckaert** (EGPA president) from Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, and **Harvey White** (ASPA president) from the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, USA, and hosts reports by each Workshop's co-chairs.

The Workshops

Workshop 1 New Building, Room N3-1, Third Floor

Theories and theoretical perspectives for investigating IGR/Multilevel governance

Co-chairs: **Robert Agranoff**, Indiana University, USA (agranoff@indiana.edu) and **Andrew Massey**, University of Exeter, UK (a.massey@exeter.ac.uk)

Workshop 2 New Building, Room N3-2, Third Floor

The dynamics of IGR at the national, supranational (EU) and international (UN) level

Co-chairs: **Jeff Straussman**, School of Public Affairs, Albany, NY, USA (jstraussman@albany.edu), and **Edoardo Ongaro**, Università Bocconi, Italy (edoardo.ongaro@unibocconi.it).

Workshop 3 New Building, Room N3-3, Third Floor

Policy formulation processes in IGR settings: analytical models and perspectives

Co-chairs: **Martin Laffin**, University of Durham, UK (martin.laffin@durham.ac.uk), and **Carol Weissert**, Florida State University, USA (cweissert@fsu.edu)

Workshop 4 New Building, Room N3-4, Third Floor

Policy implementation across levels of government: models and perspectives of analysis

Co-chairs: Marc Holzer, School of Public Affairs and Administration, Rutgers

University - Newark, New Jersey, USA (mholzer@rutgers.com) and **Stephen Wilks**, University of Exeter, UK (S.R.M.Wilks@exeter.ac.uk). Facilitator: **Meredith A. Newman**, Florida International University, USA (newman@fiu.edu)

Workshop 5 New Building, Room N3-5, Third Floor

Performance measurement and accountability in IGR-MLG

Co-chairs: **Beryl Radin**, American University, Washington D.C., USA (bradin@ix.netcom.com) and **Ellen Wayenberg**, University College Ghent, Belgium (ellen.wayenberg@hogent.be).

Workshop 6 New Building, Room N3-6, Third Floor

IGR and the welfare

Co-chairs: **Giovanni Fattore**, Università Bocconi, Italy (giovanni.fattore@unibocconi.it) and **Norma Riccucci**, School of Public Affairs and Administration, Rutgers University - Newark, New Jersey, USA (riccucci@andromeda.rutgers.edu).

Program

THURSDAY, 12 JUNE - New Building

8:00-9:00am	Registration New Building
9:00-9:30am	Opening Plenary Session Room N3-7, Third Floor Università Bocconi and "hosting country" institutional representatives
9:30-9:45am	Introductory note Conference Co-chairs and Organizing committee
9:45-11:15am	Keynote Speeches Carl W. Stenberg III School of Government, University of North Carolina at Chaper Hill, USA Theo Toonen Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands
11:15-11:45am	Coffee Break
11:45am-1:00pm	Workshop 1 Workshop 2 Workshop 3 Workshop 4 Workshop 5 Workshop 6
1:00-2:30pm	Lunch
2:30-4:00pm	Workshop 1 Workshop 2 Workshop 3 Workshop 4 Workshop 5 Workshop 6
4:00-4:15pm	Coffee Break

4:15-5:30pm	Workshop 1 Workshop 2 Workshop 3 Workshop 4 Workshop 5 Workshop 6
7:15-9:00pm	Conference Dinner - New Building
FRIDAY, 13 JUN	E - New Building
9:00-10:45am	Workshop 1 Workshop 2 Workshop 3 Workshop 4 Workshop 5 Workshop 6
10:45-11:00am	Coffee Break
11:00am-12:30pm	Workshop 1 Workshop 2 Workshop 3 Workshop 4 Workshop 5 Workshop 6
12:30-2:15pm	Lunch
2:15-4:15pm 4:15-4:30pm 4:30-6:00pm	Round Table on the Conference Theme (plenary session) Room N3-7, Third Floor Jeff Straussman (moderator) School of Public Affairs, Albany, USA Adrienne Héritier (introduction to the Round Table) European University Institute Florence, Italy Elio Borgonovi Università Bocconi, Milano, Italy Michael McGuire Indiana University, USA Claudio Radaelli University of Exeter, UK Christoph Reichard Potsdam University, Germany Coffee Break Workshop 1 Workshop 2 Workshop 3
	Workshop 4 Workshop 5 Workshop 6
6:45-7.30pm	Meeting with Government Institutions Representatives
7.30-10:00pm	Gala Dinner* Chiostri di San Marco, Piazza San Marco 2, Milano * 6:15 pm Shuttle service available from Bocconi New Building to Chiostri San Marco and return.
SATURDAY, 14 J	UNE - New Building
0.00 10.15 am	Warkshap 1. Warkshap 2. Warkshap 2

9:00-10:15am Workshop 1 | Workshop 2 | Workshop 3

	Workshop 4 Workshop 5 Workshop 6
10:15-10:30am	Coffee Break
10:30am-12:00pm	Closing Plenary Session Room N3-7, Third Floor Reports by the Workshops' co-chairs (one <i>rapporteur</i> per workshop)
12:00-1.00pm	Closing Speeches Geert Bouckaert Katholieke Universiteit Leuven; President of EGPA Harvey White Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh; President of ASPA
1:00-10:00pm	Excursion 1:00pm Meeting Point: New Building

Organizing Committee

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