

Dear Colleagues,

1) Please find attached a call for papers for the SOG Conference that will be held **January 27-29, 2012** at the **Centre for Public Policy, University of Melbourne, Australia**,

The topic is “Public Policy and Public Management: Exploring the Changing Linkages”

Paper proposals (max 250 words) should be sent electronically to Dr Damon Alexander at dta@unimelb.edu.au by August 31st 2011 with ‘SOG paper’ as the subject. Acceptance of papers will be sent by email by September 30th. Please be advised that panel places are limited and that participants are expected to become SOG members. Only one paper per author (including joint authored papers) will be accepted.

We hope that many of you will find the conference of interest.

2) The submission period for panel proposals for the **upcoming IPSA World Congress in Madrid July 8-12 2012** has opened this month. For the regular IPSA programme, each RC may propose an unlimited number of panels which are endorsed by its Board.

We strongly encourage you to submit panel proposals to us on topics related to the mission of our RC (Structure and Organization of Government). Panel proposals may also be co-sponsored with other IPSA Research Committees.

For RC 27 panel proposals, please submit your panel proposals to us before 31 July 2011.

Panel proposals (max 300 words) addressing SOG themes should be sent electronically to Joel Aberbach, Philippe Bezes and Per Laegreid with ‘IPSA panel proposals’ as subject at :

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We expect panel proposals to consist of an abstract of 300 words max together with a list of potential presenters of papers and their respective tentative titles of papers. Participants are expected to become SOG members.

Individual papers can also be proposed. If enough papers on a topic are submitted, we can combine them into a panel and propose it to IPSA.

RC 27's primary focus is the comparative study of executive branches, their changing roles in public policy making and the various dimensions of executive politics. At the centre of this focus are the dynamics of public bureaucracies, their relations with political executives and interests in civil societies and their contributions to the design and implementation of public policies. In the widest sense, the activities of SOG include the study of government, governance, public administration, public management and regulation with a large variety of methods and theoretical perspectives.

Please spread the message and circulate these two calls to your colleagues and networks !

We also would like to remind those of you who have not yet renewed their subscriptions to SOG for the year 2011 to do so as soon as possible. A large number of members contributes to the dynamism of our group. Many thanks.

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All the best,

Joel Aberbach and Philippe Bezes, for the SOG Executive Board