International Research Society of Public Management (IRSPM)

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ON "ACCOUNTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY"

Workshop

"Public sector accounting, Performance measurement and Performance management: towards a dialogue?"

28th-29th November 2016

CA' FOSCARI UNIVERSITY, VENICE (ITALY)

Accounting and performance measurement are often seen as the global, rational and functional response to the quantification, managerialization, and governance of an increasingly complex and strained public sector. If performance measurement can in principle support better decision-making, they are also shaped by, and, in turn, influence organisational, psychological, economic, social and political contexts. Performance measurement is at the intersection of disciplines, sectors, professions, interests and powers, as well as the academia and the practice worlds. Interestingly, however, these phenomena have been studied in parallel and even separately by different disciplines.

The purpose of the annual workshop of the IRSPM Accounting and Accountability SIG is to provide a collaborative and interactive environment where different perspectives on performance measurement and management in the public sector are discussed, so as to define future research avenues, strategies, and projects and start a dialogue among them. This is why the annual workshop of the Accounting and Accountability SIG will address, among others, the following issues:

- understanding the causes of tension between performance and accountability;
- investigating the challenges and opportunities of interdisciplinary views on performance measurement and management;
- analysing the differences between different perspectives on performance measurement and management, and opportunities for reciprocal learning;
- exploring how combining different standpoints can offer fruitful research, practical and policy developments.

The workshop will consist of keynote speeches by WOUTER VAN DOOREN and FRANK VERBETEEN as well output-focused parallel discussion sessions.

The indicative program, travel and accommodation details are provided below. The event will take place in Ca' Dolfin (Dorsoduro 3825/D, Venice) and Ca' Foscari (Dorsoduro 3246, Calle Larga Foscari, Venice). For

information and directions of how to get to the venue from the Santa Lucia Station and Piazzale Roma (airport) visit the following link
http://static.unive.it/mappe/sede/990037.

Please give some thought to these themes ***before*** attending the workshop and bring with you plenty of ideas for discussion.

Organizing Committee

Adina Iulia DUDAU, Enrico BRACCI, Salvatore RUSSO, Iris SALITERER, Mariafrancesca SICILIA, Ileana STECCOLINI

28th November		
13.00 - 14.00	*Light Lunch and Registration*	
14.00 – 14.30	Introductions and Welcomes Prof. Gaetano Ziglio Grandi – Director of the Department of Management, Ca' Foscari University Venice Prof. Ileana Steccolini, New Castle University London Prof. Enrico Bracci, University of Ferrara Prof. Salvatore Russo, Ca' Foscari University Venice	Aula Magna Silvio Trentin Ca' Dolfin MAP: http://static.unive.it/mappe/sede/990037
14.30 – 15.15	Prof. Wouter Van Dooren University of Antwerp (Belgium) *A bull in a china shop? How performance targets confront complexity – and survive"*	
15.15 - 16.00	Prof. Frank Verbeteen University of Utrecht (Nederland) *Performance management in public sector organizations: theoretical perspectives vs practical guidelines?*	
16.00 – 16.15	*Coffee break*	

16.15 - 18.00	Parallel Sessions (1) GROUP A - Performance management and the complexity: dealing with political, economic and social aspects Coordinators: Adina Dudau/ Salvatore Russo GROUP B - Performance management at the intersection among disciplines, theories and practices Coordinators: Laurence Ferry/Danny Chow Enrico Bracci	"Sala Marino Berengo" "Sala Archivio" MAP: Ca' Foscari http://static.unive.it/mappe/sede/990000
29th November		
9.00 – 11.15	Parallel Sessions (2) GROUP A - Performance management and the complexity: dealing with political, economic and social aspects GROUP B - Performance management at the intersection among disciplines, theories and practices	Sala Mario Berengo Sala Archivio Ca' Foscari MAP: http://static.unive.it/mappe/sede/990000
11.15 – 11.30	*Coffee Break*	
11.30 -13.00	Plenary Session Closing • Results and Discussion • Future activities Prof. Ileana Steccolini, New Castle University London Prof. Iris Saliterer, Alpen-Adria University of Klagenfurt Prof. Salvatore Russo, Ca' Foscari University Venice	Aula Mario Baratto Ca' Foscari MAP: http://static.unive.it/mappe/sede/990000
13.00 – 14.00	*Light Lunch*	