2017 International Conference on Public Administration (12th ICPA) & International Symposium on West African Studies (1st ISWAS)

November 14-17, 2017
Accra & Cape Coast, Ghana

Call for Papers & Participation

Important Dates

Paper Abstract Due: June 1, 2017
Full Paper Due: July 15, 2017
Paper Acceptance Notification by: Before September 1, 2017

Notes:

Paper submitters have their own options to attend either 2017 ICPA from November 14 to 16 at Accra or 2017 ISWAS on November 17 at Cape Coast or both with differentiated registration fees.

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2017 ICPA focusing on the theme:

**Managing across Organizational Boundaries: Innovation and Collaboration**

Whether grappling with natural disasters or delivering day-to-day public services as education or health care, public bodies increasingly must work with other organizations to get the job done. Similarly, government managers themselves often need to identify and address risks in ways that require cooperating across multiple organizations to reduce the potential for serious harm.

The growth of complexity is a major reason for these developments—that is, increased complexity in the types of services that public bodies deliver; waves of technology; and organizational sprawl. To the extent that complexity leads to problems that extend beyond any one organization’s boundaries, these problems are likely to be with us for a long time.

2017 ICPA will address ways of managing governmental organizations to focus problems or deliver services that require cooperation across organizational boundaries. What kinds of governance work best to ensure collaborative efforts across governmental organizations—or between government and such private organizations as NGOs, for-profit contractors and other third-parties—that ensure effective public service delivery? How should these relationships be structured? Can new technologies help to bridge organizational gaps and provide public services seamlessly?

Papers and proposals that address Managing across Organizational Boundaries: Innovation and Collaboration are welcome, especially those that use case studies and comparative analyses between and within countries to illustrate promising practices and significant lessons. We are especially receptive to proposals that focus on the sub-themes below. However, we encourage all submissions that bring new ideas to any aspect of the overall conference theme.
Sub-themes, Topics, Questions

- Governance and Management to Improve Cooperation Across Organizations
- Public Private Partnerships
- Reducing Complexity When Delivering Public Services
- Managing Risk Across Organizational Boundaries
- Encouraging Collaborative Behavior by Public Officials
- Social Equity and the Quality of Inter-organizational Cooperation
- Big Data and Effective Network Management
- Theory and Practice on Cross-boundary Governance
2017 ISWAS focusing on the theme:

Social and Economic Development in West Africa from Global Perspective

Africa is one of the most dynamic developing regions worldwide, and the first International Symposium on West African Studies (ISWAS) is concurrently conducted with 2017 International Conference on Public Administration (ICPA) in Ghana. The first ISWAS calls for paper and participation.

The Center for West African Studies (CWAS) of University of Electronic Science and Technology of China is established through the platform of Ministry of Education of People’s Republic of China and resources of our partnership and alumni in West Africa.

The establishment of Center for West African Studies is in line with Chinese National Philosophy and Social Sciences “Going Global” Strategy with the need to improve the image of UESTC in West African countries; to enhance China’s influence in West Africa; to strengthen China-Africa collaborations and to serve as a bridge for researchers and practitioners from China, West Africa and beyond to identify and meet the needs of West African development.

Authors have the option to have their accepted papers published in the official Proceedings of 2017 International Conference on Public Administration with a special column on Social and Economic Development in West Africa from global perspective by Press of University of Electronic Science and Technology of China. Authors who wish to have their papers nominated for “Best Paper Awards” and are so selected will not have their papers published in the proceedings if they prefer to have them blind reviewed by recommended journals. The Proceedings will be indexed by ISI Proceedings (Conference Proceedings Citation Index - Social Science & Humanities CPCI-SSH, named in the Index to Social Science and Humanities Proceedings - ISSHP) through ISI Web of Knowledge in the United States.

The submitted papers should be written in English with Microsoft Word 2007 or higher edition. Authors should identify the primary sub-theme where their abstract/paper should be placed. The abstract should describe the paper’s contents and briefly explain the paper’s relevance to the conference theme. Abstracts must identify the author(s) affiliation, email address, and should not exceed one page.

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More information on 2017 ICPA in Ghana will be released soon at conference website: www.aspanet.org
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Looking forward to meeting you
at 2017 International Conference on Public Administration (12th) &
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2017 ICPA Best Papers Awards

The 12th ICPA will select and recommend the best papers for publication in one of the following journals subject to blind reviews:

Public Administration Review (PAR)—the best paper that focuses on identifying and analyzing current public administration trends in theory and practice.

Public Administration Review (PAR) is the premier journal for the field of public administration, published by the American Society for Public Administration with a history dating back 77 years. The journal serves academics, practitioners, and students interested in public sector management and provides a factual basis for decision-making, discussion, and literature in the field in an easily accessible format.

Chinese Public Administration—the best paper that focuses on international comparative study.

Chinese Public Administration is the journal of Chinese Public Administration Society and has been the top tier journal in public administration and political science in China since its establishment in 1982. It is a window for scholars and practitioners outside China to understand the history and development of Chinese public administrative science and a bridge that connects China and the world.

Chinese Public Administration Review (CPAR)—the best paper that focuses on public administration and public policy topics with significant theoretical and practical implications.

Chinese Public Administration Review is the official journal of the Section on Chinese Public Administration (SCPA) of The American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). Published by the School of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers University-Newark, CPAR is a peer-reviewed journal with a very strong international editorial team. While CPAR is the first international journal specifically addressing the issues of Chinese public administration, riding on the rise of China, Asia and increasingly global interconnectedness, CPAR is expanding its focus beyond China to embrace Asia and the whole Pan-Pacific region.

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The Proud Eleven-Year Legacy of the ICPA

2016 International Forum on Smart City (IFSC) — one of the important events for 2016 Western China Overseas High Tech and High Talents Conference (OHTC) (International Seminar for Public Administration)

Theme: A City Built on Information Technology and Wisdom
Date: September 12-14, 2016
Venue: Chengdu, P.R. China

2015 International Conference on Public Administration (11th ICPA)

Theme: Sustainable Development for Public Administration
Date: December 9-11, 2015
Venue: Padjadjaran University, Indonesia

2014 International Conference on Public Administration (10th ICPA)

Theme: New Challenges and Advances in Public Administration
Date: October 24-26, 2014
Venue: UESTC, Chengdu, P.R. China

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2013 International Conference on Public Administration (9th ICPA)

Theme: Advancing Public Management Excellence & Innovation Worldwide
Date: October 31 - November 2, 2013
Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

2012 International Conference on Public Administration (8th ICPA)

Theme: New Frontiers in Public Administration: Practice and Theory
Date: October 25-27, 2012
Venue: Hyderabad, India

2011 International Conference on Public Administration (7th ICPA)

Theme: The Future of Public Administration: Accountable and Transparent Government in a Networked World
Date: October 18-20, 2011
Venue: UESTC, Chengdu, P.R. China

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2010 International Conference on Public Administration (6th ICPA)

**Theme:** Public Administration Challenges and Opportunities: Serving Citizens in a Globalised World

**Date:** October 22-24, 2010  
**Venue:** Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

2009 International Conference on Public Administration (5th ICPA)

**Theme:** The State of Public Administration: Issues, Challenges, and Solutions

**Date:** October 23-25, 2009  
**Venue:** UESTC, Chengdu, P.R. China

2008 International Conference on Public Administration (4th ICPA)

**Theme:** Building Bridges to the Future: Leadership and Collaboration in Public Administration

**Date:** September 24-26, 2008  
**Venue:** Minnesota, USA

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2007 International Conference on Public Administration (3rd ICPA)

Theme: Theory, Practice and Methods for Public Administration in 21st Century
Date: October 20-22, 2007 Venue: UESTC, Chengdu, P.R. China

2006 International Conference on Public Administration (2nd ICPA)

Theme: Government Innovation and Reform
Date: October 4-6, 2006 Venue: University of Warwick, Coventry, UK

2005 International Conference on Public Administration (1st ICPA)

Theme: E-governance
Date: October 20-22, 2005 Venue: UESTC, Chengdu, P.R. China

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The University of Ghana

The University of Ghana, the premier university and the largest university in Ghana was founded as the University College of the Gold Coast by Ordinance on August 11, 1948 for the purpose of providing and promoting university education, learning and research.

University of Ghana is run on a collegiate system and comprises the following colleges: College of Basic and Applied Sciences, College of Education, College of Health Sciences and College of Humanities. In addition, the University has several research institutions and centers for learning and research, including Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research (NMIR), Center for Tropical, Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Regional Institute for Population Studies, Institute for Environmental and Sanitation Studies and the Institute for Statistical, Social and Economic Research.

As part of its vision to become a world class research intensive institution, University of Ghana has identified four priority areas where the university will focus and promote international collaboration in research initiatives to enhance the University’s research output.

As the leading university in Ghana, the University aims to produce the next generation of thought leaders to drive national development. Through our research institutes and other centers of learning and research, faculty members are involved in studies that support policy making for national development, often in collaboration with other international institutions.

The student population is over 38,000 made up of students enrolled on our regular programmes, sandwich programs, and distance education as well as students from affiliate institutions. Our growing number of international students come from over 70 countries to join either our regular undergraduate and graduate programs, enroll on our study abroad and other special programs designed for international students.

The University of Ghana, has over the years built an image as one of the continent’s reputable universities which makes the University of Ghana the first choice for academics, researchers and students.
The University of Cape Coast is one of the rare sea front universities in the world. It was established in October, 1962 as a University College and placed in a special relationship with the University of Ghana, Legon.

The vision of the University of Cape Coast is: To have a University that is strongly positioned, with world-wide acclaim. This statement of where the University sees itself in the future sets the tone for every strategic decision or choice that it has made. It sets the ambition of the organization and serves as the lodestar that every faculty, school, department, functional division and individual must aspire to. In combination with its mission statement, University of Cape Coast has articulated a view of a realistic, credible, attractive future for itself; a target that inspires all stakeholders to maximum effort in bridging the gap between their current reality and their desired future.

Mission Statement

The mission statement is as follows: The University of Cape Coast is The University of Choice in Ghana. It is an equal opportunity university uniquely placed to provide quality education through the provision of comprehensive, liberal and professional programs that challenge learners to be creative, innovative, and morally responsible citizens. Through distance learning, it also extends expertise and facilities to train professionals for the education enterprise and business by employing modern technologies. The University constantly seeks alternative ways to respond to changing needs. The institution continues to expand its existing highly qualified academic and administrative staff, offering a conducive environment that motivates them to position the University to respond effectively to the developmental needs of a changing world.
The Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) was established in 1961 as a joint Ghana Government/United Nations (UN) special fund project. Originally named the Institute of Public Administration, it was set up as one of the key strategic institutions to develop the public administrative system, to provide civil servants with administrative and professional competence, and to plan and administer national, regional and local services.

In 1966, the joint sponsorship ended and the UN formally handed over the Institute to the Government of Ghana. In 1969, the Institute was then re-designated as the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration to reflect its expanded functions. For more than 50 years, GIMPA’s activities have been guided by five successive mandates, beginning with the first legislative instrument of 1961 to the current GIMPA Act, 2004 (Act 676).

Each mandate affirmed the status of the Institute as the national management development institute to provide for the study of public administration and management of Ghana. By its latest mandate, GIMPA now offers courses in its areas of competence leading to the award of certificates, diplomas and degrees up to the doctoral level. The areas of competence are defined to include training and education in leadership, management, public administration and technology. Today, GIMPA has transformed itself into the leading management development institute and is an independent public tertiary institution with financial and operational autonomy.

GIMPA’s mission is to maintain a Centre of Excellence for training in public and business administration, by continuously enhancing the capability of middle and top level executives in public and private sectors as well as non-governmental organisations (NGOs) both in Ghana and internationally, to manage their institutions and enterprises efficiently and effectively. The Institute is accredited by the National Accreditation Board.

In addition to the institutional accreditation, GIMPA’s academic programmes are also accredited by the National Accreditation Board. The Institute is made up of four schools, namely:

- Business School
- School of Public Service and Governance
- Faculty of Law
- School of Technology

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American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)

Founded in 1939, ASPA is the leading professional organization for the practice, study and teaching of public administration. A 9,000-member non-profit organization, it represents a wide range of professions in public service, government, and nonprofit agencies, including universities in the United States that educate the nation’s best public service officials. APSA also manages formal international cooperative agreements that promote various academic and professional development programs.

ASPA is the leading interdisciplinary public service organization that:

- Advances the art, science, teaching, and practice of public and non-profit administration.
- Promotes the value of joining and elevating the public service profession.
- Builds bridges among all who pursue public purposes at home and internationally.
- Provides networking and professional development opportunities to those committed to public service values.
- Achieves innovative solutions to the challenges of governance.

The American Society for Public Administration is the largest and most prominent professional association for public administration. It is dedicated to advancing the art, science, teaching and practice of public and non-profit administration. ASPA's four core values are:

- Accountability and Performance
- Professionalism
- Ethics and
- Social Equity

ASPA’s Center for Accountability and Performance addresses the requirement for all levels of government to move toward performance-based, results-driven management, through education, training, advocacy, technical assistance, resource sharing and research.

Additionally, ASPA provides three publications for its members:

- PA TIMES is a quarterly magazine focusing on issues in public management and the best practices in the field of public administration. Its twice-weekly online supplement can be viewed at www.patimes.org.
- The Bridge is ASPA's biweekly newsletter that details the organization's latest news and current news in the public administration community.
- Public Administration Review (PAR) is ASPA's premier professional journal. It is a bimonthly publication that links theory and public management practice together.
University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC)

Renowned as China’s cradle for the national electronic industry, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (formerly Chengdu Institute of Radio Engineering) is situated at Chengdu, the city of over a thousand-year-old cultural history in “the land of abundance”. As one of the seven earliest key universities in national defense, UESTC became one of the nation's key universities in 1960. Then, in 1997 it was included as one of the first universities into "Project 211", a project in China for developing 100 first-class universities and a number of key fields of research for the 21st century. In 2001, UESTC was admitted into the nation's Project 985, receiving special support for developing world-class universities and world-famous research-oriented universities.

Fifty-nine years’ efforts and cultivations have witnessed the University's process from sole dependence on electronic information engineering to all-around programs in electronic disciplines, and the University now turns out to be a key multidisciplinary university with electronic science and technology as its nucleus, engineering as its major field and featured the harmonious integration of science, engineering, management and liberal arts, well prepared at the call of the history to come up as a high-level research-oriented university.

Profile of School of Political Science and Public Administration

The School of Political Science and Public Administration of UESTC dates back to 1956 with the establishment of Marxism-Lenism Teaching Department, from which the Department of Social Science and Humanities has been comprehensibly evolved in 1984 and gradually developed into the School of Social Science and Humanities in 1993 and since 2006 renamed as the School of Political Science and Public Administration.

We pride ourselves on being research-led with 77 high degree teaching and researching staff, including 16 full time professors, 18 appointed adjunct professors and guest professors, 20 associate professors and 22 lecturers. 29 faculty members have been awarded as top national and provincial excellent teachers and researchers such as “National Outstanding Teachers”, “New Century Talents of the Ministry of Education” and “Academic Peer in Sichuan Province”.

SPSPA is top ranked for our full line of degrees from undergraduate to master degrees including 4 bachelors’ degrees of Public Management, Information Management, Law and Urban studies, 4 master degrees of Public Management, Journalism and Communication, Constitution and Administrative Law and Applied Psychology, 2 professional programs of MPA and MJC respectively and English-instructed International Program in Public Management in highly rated education with provincially featured key disciplines, social science key research base and institutes and teaching center.

We offer many unusual advantages compared to other schools of Public Administration and Political School for UESTC is “a cradle for Chinese Electronic Information Industry”. Our school’s research and teaching is information knowledge based one. With joint efforts and contributions from SPSPA faculty, we have witnessed proud legacy of teaching and researching nationwide with Top National Courses based Teaching Achievements, Nationally Recognized Research Projects Granted and enjoy popularity of academic influence worldwide via the platform of International Conference on Public Administration (ICPA).