



Political Lessons for Management

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This track will examine how politics (the organisation of states, their internal governance and administration, and the dynamics of elections and government formation) might provide transferable lessons for management more broadly. The track will explore crucial new political developments in Europe and their impact on management thinking, practice and research. It links contemporary management debates with those in the wider social science community and draws on other academic disciplines, most notably political science. It will consider dominant debates around areas like contemporary policy-making, stakeholder engagement, accountability, scrutiny and the dynamics of public governance

The construction of new forms of state organisation in Europe as a result of proliferating sub national and regional structures offers evidence of politics influencing management and vice versa. Other lessons come from the recasting or emergence of entirely new political systems in the relatively recent democracies of central and eastern Europe. In so far as there has been detailed study, such developments have so far been interpreted solely for their relevance to the academic discipline of political science and the practical business of government and politics. Given organisations in the public realm often reflect different impulses and display different dynamics, this is a missed opportunity for transferable learning.

We invite papers that explore the connections between politics and management. These might come from political science and public management disciplines, or from different disciplinary perspectives. Papers might cover any aspect of this connection between politics and wider social science, and management practice and research. Case studies might come from any European state but we are specifically, but not exclusively, interested in papers examining recent constitutional and political changes within the UK and more widely within Europe, as well as structural and democratic adjustments within some of the newer EU democracies, for example, Bulgaria and Romania.