

Panel proposal for IRSPM 2019 in Wellington, New Zealand

Public-Private Partnerships for Infrastructure: Impact, Logics and Stewardship?

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Governments have increasingly used Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) for creating impact in large infrastructure projects. We live in an era of big infrastructure plans, many of them with staggering consequences for citizens both as service-users and taxpayers. China is pursuing new infrastructure project relentlessly. The Trump administration is arguing for a brand new infrastructure plan. The European Union is implementing its “Juncker Plan”. Recent research demonstrates how the logics of PPP stimulate both market- and government solutions (Hodge & Greve, in press). The International Transport Forum (2018) recently published a report on “Private Investment in Transport Infrastructure” that reviewed key debates on risk and uncertainty. OECD has suggested that we speak less of modes of delivery (state owned enterprise, contracting out, PPP, privatization) and more about the wider challenge of infrastructure governance (OECD 2017). Infrastructure governance is understood by the OECD as “the processes, tools, norms of interaction, decision-making and monitoring used by governmental organizations and their counterparts with respect to making infrastructure services available to the public and the public sector (OECD 2015). Public sector stewardship can be needed to guide organizations through the new challenges of infrastructure governance

This panel explores PPP and infrastructure governance. Among the key questions that we want to address are: (1) What is the impact of creating PPPs? (2) What institutional logics operate in PPP and infrastructure governance today? (3) What is the role of public sector stewardship in PPP and infrastructure governance? The panel invites contributions from comparative empirical studies grounded in a theoretical framework and more theoretical papers focused on PPP and infrastructure governance.

Panels on PPPs and working with the private sector have been a foundation of past IRSPM conferences and reflect the continuing challenge they present to public management. Well-attended past panels have been organized in Brisbane, Copenhagen, Berne, Dublin, Rome, Ottawa, Birmingham, Hong Kong, Budapest, and Edinburgh, and have covered areas such as value, innovation, empirical experiences, , policy learning, cultural aspects of PPPs, and collaborative practices as well as theoretical bases for understanding PPP.

Hodge, Graeme & Greve, Carsten. (in press, 2019): *The Logic of Public-Private Partnerships*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar

ITF (2018): *Private Investment in Transport Infrastructure. Dealing with Uncertainty* Paris: International Transport Forum

OECD (2015): *Towards a Framework for the Governance of Infrastructure*. Paris: OECD.

OECD (2017): *Getting Infrastructure Right*. Paris: OECD.