



# CALL FOR PAPERS



## *LACSUG Conference*

### **Subnational Governance in Latin America: Challenges and Responses for More Effective Public Management** **Cartagena, Colombia – June 6-8, 2024**

The School of Government Alberto Lleras Camargo at Universidad de los Andes, Colombia, along with the University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice and Indiana University's O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, is pleased to announce its **Call for Papers** for the 3-day conference, "Subnational Governance in Latin America: Challenges and Responses for More Effective Public Management." The conference will be held at the University of the Andes campus in **Cartagena de Indias, Colombia** on **June 6-8, 2024**. This will be the first of what is **expected to become a regular convening** of the Latin American Conference on Subnational Governance (**LACSUG**), bringing together scholars of state, regional, municipal, or local governance in Latin America and the Caribbean across fields and policy areas. **Scholarships** will be provided to support travel and participation for as many conference presenters as possible, contingent on funding availability.

#### Scope

As has been noted by a growing number of scholars, much of the research published in major, English-language journals on public management and administration has historically focused on cases from the Global North, including Western Europe and the United States. While that research has generated important knowledge about the drivers of government responsiveness and performance, it has not always been relevant to circumstances in other parts of the world, particularly Latin America and the Caribbean. Furthermore, research published in those venues has not always been actively engaged with the relevant scholarship and ongoing debates originating from that region. This means that an influential portion of the academic literature on these topics of public importance was not always representative of the diversity of governance arrangements across the Global South, something that hampers the search for appropriate strategies in the face of ongoing challenges to equitable service delivery, social sector reform, and effective public action. A distinct scholarship of Latin American public administration has been established in response to these ongoing limitations. This research has proved successful in engaging and adapting findings of prior work, as well as developing new ideas that can better serve the needs of policymakers, public managers, and government officials across Latin America and the Caribbean.

In light of this progress, and with the goal of reinforcing and further developing Latin American research on public management, administration, and policy, the conference organizing committee welcomes paper proposals on a wide variety of topics related to subnational governance in Latin America and the Caribbean. The conference is open to conceptual, theoretical, and/or empirical research in this broad area. The organizing committee is **particularly interested in work that draws on perspectives and cases from Latin American and Caribbean contexts, while also working to engage, qualify, or challenge existing theories or findings in public management, administration, or policy.** Relevant topics of study for the conference include, but are not limited, to:

- Mayors, public managers, and management strategies in municipal government
- Administrative reforms and subnational governance
- Decentralization, multilevel governance, and intergovernmental relations
- Drivers and consequences of hybrid service delivery models
- Administrative, organizational and state capacity at the subnational level
- Local institutional arrangements and conditions relevant to subnational governance
- Policy implementation across cases, sectors, and substantive areas of public action
- Street-level bureaucracy and the behavior of civil servants across levels of government
- Leadership, teamwork, cooperation, and related topics
- Horizontal and vertical collaboration and collaborative governance
- Public employment, human resources, and organizational behavior
- Inter-organizational networks and network governance
- State-society linkages, civil society groups, and non-governmental organizations
- Ethics, transparency, and corruption in subnational governance
- Technology, technological change, and AI in subnational governance

### Submissions

The organizing committee requests that interested participants submit paper proposals using the following link: <https://forms.gle/9w94kkfM5pKPKQ786> (abstracts up to 300 words). The **deadline** for submissions is **January 22, 2024; early submissions are strongly encouraged**. Proposal acceptance and scholarship decisions are expected to be finalized by late February 2024. Final drafts of all papers to be presented during the conference will be due on May 16, 2024. Questions about the CFP can be directed to [lacsug.conference@gmail.com](mailto:lacsug.conference@gmail.com).

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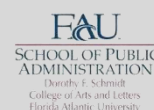
### Conference Details

The conference will take place **June 6-8, 2024** in **Cartagena, Colombia** on the Caribbean campus of the University of the Andes. Important points of reference include:

- While the **working language** of the conference for presentations and discussions will be **English**, the organizing committee will accept abstract submissions in English, Spanish, or Portuguese.
- The conference will follow a standard format consisting of panels with 3-5 papers and 12-15 minutes allotted for presentations, followed by discussant comments and audience Q&A.
- **Full papers** will be **due** three weeks before the conference, on **May 16, 2024**.
- A number of **scholarships** will be available to support travel expenses for participants, with priority for junior scholars and individuals from underrepresented backgrounds.
- It is expected that papers from this conference would be candidates for submission as part of **open calls** for two **special issues** the organizing committee is also preparing on the same topic: one will be in English targeting the journal *Public Management Review* and one will be in Spanish targeting the journal *Gestión y Política Pública*.



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