

Cfp: GOVERNANCE & COMPLEX NETWORKS IN TIMES OF TURBULENCE AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION, April 15-16, 2020, University of Agder, Kristiansand, Norway

The Department of Political Science and Management and the Center for Digital Transformation (CEDIT) at the University of Agder (UiA) will host a conference taking place in the beautiful city of Kristiansand in Southern Norway.

Across the world, public organizations and agencies responsible for delivering a multiplicity of services – health, education, social care, etc. – are facing unprecedented challenges associated with broader government-led reforms aimed at making the sector more efficient, accountable and user-centered. This occurs against the backdrop of increasing turbulence (social, political, economic, cultural) and the transition towards a knowledge-centered and digital-oriented society and economy. As a result, new modes of governance, leadership and citizen engagement are being experienced and tested, triggering significant effects for established concepts of leadership and coordination.

The purpose of the conference is to bring together researchers and practitioners to discuss relevant research aspects concerning change and innovation in the public sector in times of turbulence and digital transformation along the following tracks:

Track 1: MANAGING COMPLEX GOVERNANCE NETWORKS;

Track 2: GOVERNING COMPLEXITY: PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY;

Track 3: GOVERNANCE, INNOVATION AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION.

This conference focuses on these trends provides an opportunity to take stock of ongoing policy and scholarly developments across several sub-disciplinary fields and geographies.

There is no conference fee – however, participants need to take care for their own travel and accommodation. Catering services (coffee and lunches), and the conference dinner will be covered by the event organizers.

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Abstracts should clearly indicate how the paper links with both the specific track as well as the overall theme of the conference. The deadline for submitting abstracts (maximum 500 words) is **1st December 2019**. Authors will receive confirmation of acceptance/rejection by 15th December 2019. Please submit your abstract to: aleksandar.avramovic@uia.no

Upon acceptance, authors have until **15th March** to submit their extended abstracts or draft papers (minimum of 3500 words). Suitable papers will be invited to be part of a special journal issue and/or edited book volume proposal with a major international publisher (more details will be provided at the event in April).