

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

NEW NORMS AND SUSTAINABLE REFORMS

IN CHANGING TIMES



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2017 NCPAG International Conference

Public Administration in Changing Times: New Norms and Sustainable Reforms
22-25 August 2017 | Marco Polo, Ortigas, Pasig City, Philippines

A. OVERVIEW

Global issues, such as climate change, fiscal crises, human rights violations, international crimes, growing influence of supra-national institutions, disruptive technology, ‘populist nationalism’ and changes in regional dynamics (i.e. Brexit), among others, are driving policy choices and governance strategies to engage all sectors of the society towards common goals. Despite gains in some areas, and reforms and innovations in governance, countries around the world continue to face challenges and gaps in crafting priorities and targets for achieving sustainable reforms and coping with new norms never imagined or mainstreamed before.

Governments offer new perspectives and untested courses of action to address these challenges and problems. Governments and Public Administration must continue to usher the world towards a desirable quality of life for all. Challenged by the perennial and persistent issues of prolonged high poverty levels and corruption and inefficiency in many places, governments, together with the private sector and the civil society must more seriously confront these issues. As key actors of governance, they must equip themselves with the appropriate mindsets, paradigms, and leadership models. They should also work towards better and responsive provision of public goods and services, as well as develop long-lasting solutions and initiatives to make the world more resilient—, better today, and in the future.

Against this backdrop, the National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG), University of the Philippines (UP) is organizing the 2017 NCPAG International Conference on “Public Administration in Changing Times: New Norms and Sustainable Reforms” on 22-25 August 2017 in Manila, Philippines. This is also in celebration of the College’s 65th Anniversary in June 2017. The NCPAG is the premier center of excellence in Public Administration education, research and public service in the Philippines and the region.

B. AIMS

The Conference aims to bring together scholars, researchers, and practitioners of Public Administration (PA) and other related fields in a collective analysis of new norms and sustainable reforms that challenge the performance of governments, public institutions and their governance partners all over the world. It also aims to foster the exchange of ideas about the future of governing and governance in changing times.

Specifically, it aims to:

- Document the wealth of knowledge, experiences, and practices related to new norms and sustainable reforms in Public Administration.
- Generate research on theories and practices of public administration and governance from new normal perspectives.
- Engender a more inclusive design and implementation of policies, programs and other initiatives that will address the long overdue societal problems of poverty, corruption, climate change and underdevelopment.
- Strengthen partnerships among PA scholars and practitioners to create a stronger voice in the pursuit of a more responsive and accountable public administration.

C. PUBLICATIONS

The Conference will publish a peer-reviewed book that puts together selected quality papers. Also, selected meritorious papers will be published in the 2017 issues of the *Philippine Journal of Public Administration*, the oldest and most reputable peer-reviewed journal in the discipline of PA in the Philippines.

D. CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2017 NCPAG International Conference invites researchers, scholars and practitioners, and all interested stakeholders to share their researches on public policies, new norms in public administration, and sustainable development reforms. The Conference is organized along five key themes and suggested sub-topics:



E. HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT AND FULL PAPERS

1. Paper presenters should submit papers that are relevant to the conference themes/sub-themes.
2. All papers should be written and presented in English.
3. Paper presenters should first submit a 200-word abstract before they can be invited to submit their full paper. Accompany the abstract with a biosketch (not more than 100 words).
4. Paper presenters notified by the Organizing Committee to submit their full paper and PowerPoint presentations should do so on or before the given deadlines. The paper should be from 6,000 to 8,000 words long, inclusive of notes and references, and should be typed double-spaced on A4-sized paper using the Times New Roman font, sized 12 pt. If necessary, the paper should include figures, graphs and tables.
5. Papers should be organized according to the following sequence: title of paper, name of author/s, abstract, main text, references and appendices (if needed).
6. Papers should also include a cover page with the following information: title of paper, sub-theme, institution or agency, country and contact information, as well as logistical support needed (e.g. additional computer unit, laser pointer, etc.).
7. References and citation should follow the APA style. Please visit <http://www.apastyle.org> for more information on the APA citation format.
8. Each paper presenter is allowed a maximum of 15 minutes for presentation and five (5) minutes for answering questions from the audience.
9. The *Philippine Journal of Public Administration* will consider quality papers for possible publication. Paper presenters who wish to have their papers considered for publication in the journal must adhere to the journal style guidelines set forth by the PJPA Editorial Board. Please visit the page: www.ncpag.upd.edu.ph to know more about PJPA.

Abstracts, papers and PowerPoint presentations should be submitted to <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ncpag65> and emailed to ncpag65conprog@gmail.com

F. IMPORTANT DATES

30 April 2017: Deadline for submission of abstract & biosketch of author/s [1,000 words per author]
31 May 2017: Acceptance of abstract
15 July 2017: Deadline for submission of full papers and PowerPoint
15 July 2017: Deadline for Regular Registration
22-25 August 2017: Conference Dates

G. CONFERENCE INFORMATION

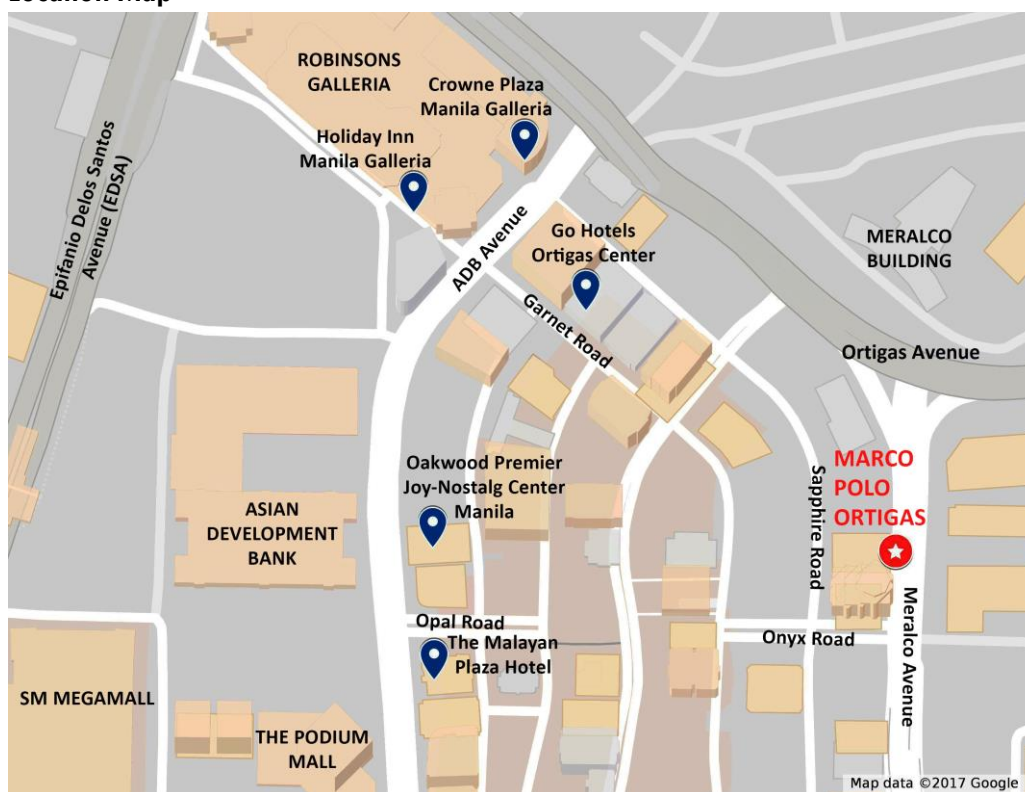
1. Registration

A registration fee of **Php 8,000** or **US\$ 200** will be charged per participant to cover the costs of conference materials and meals (two coffee breaks and one lunch) on August 22-25, 2016.

2. Conference Venue and Language

The 2017 NCPAG International Conference will be held at the **Marco Polo Ortigas** hotel, Pasig City, Manila, Philippines. It is a five-star business hotel strategically located in the Ortigas Commercial Business District.

Location Map



- Near major companies and international offices, as well as Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) establishments
- A short walk away from popular shopping and entertainment centers, such as Robinson's Galleria, SM Megamall, The Podium, and Shangri-La Plaza Mall
- Around 15 kilometers away from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport
- Five to seven kilometers away from Quezon City, Mandaluyong City, Makati City, and other major business districts in Manila

All sessions of the Conference will be conducted in English.

3. Dress Code

Participants should wear smart casual or business casual attire (business suit, leather shoes and slacks or skirts) to the conference.

4. Accommodation and Reservations

The Ortigas Commercial Business District is teeming with hotels and other types of accommodations for the conference participants. The Organizing Committee recommends the following accommodations:

Marco Polo Ortigas Manila

Meralco Avenue & Sapphire Street, Ortigas Center, Pasig City 1600 Metro Manila, Philippines
Tel. No.: +632 720 7777

Website: www.marcopolohotels.com

Contact Person: Ms. Ara Afunggol, Conference Manager

Room Rates:

Superior Room (Single/double occupancy) – **PhP5,500**

Premier Room (Single/double occupancy) – **PhP 7,000**

Other Recommended Hotels in Ortigas Center:

- Holiday Inn Manila Galleria
- Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria
- The Malayan Plaza Hotel
- Oakwood Premier Joy-Nostalg Center Manila
- Richmonde Hotel Ortigas
- Go Hotels Ortigas Center

Participants should contact their preferred hotels directly to be able to reserve their accommodation.

5. Meals

Buffet lunch meals will be served to the conference participants. Snacks will also be served in the morning and afternoon in between the sessions. Special meals will be available for attendees with dietary restrictions.

6. Visa Assistance

The Organizing Committee will provide participants with supporting documents, should they need to apply for a visa before entering the Philippines. Please check with your embassy or consulate in-charge for visa requirements and/or exemptions.

7. Business Hours

Most government and private offices are open from 8 am – 5 pm, Mondays to Fridays, except on public holidays. Some private offices open until 6 pm and on Saturdays. Most commercial establishments are open daily from 9 am – 9 pm or later. Banking hours are from 9 am – 4 pm, Mondays to Fridays, except on holidays.

8. Currency

As of 15 February 2017, 1 US Dollar (US\$) is equivalent to 49.91 Philippine pesos (PhP).

9. Climate

Temperature in Manila in August averages from 24-31 degrees Celsius, and it tends to be rainy within the month. Participants should pack an umbrella when going out to and from the conference venue just in case it rains. It is also highly advisable for participants to bring light, loose cotton clothes.

H. CONFERENCE CONTACT DETAILS

For registration inquiries, please contact:

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