

Good Administration Congress 2027

Wednesday, 24 February 2027 - Friday, 26 February 2027

Ludwigsburg

Scientific Programme

The **Good Administration Congress 2027** brings together diverse perspectives on one of the central questions of contemporary public administration: **What constitutes good administration, and how can it be conceptualized, explained and implemented?**

The scientific programme is organised around three complementary perspectives that reflect the conference's overarching theme of **Conceptualizing – Explaining – Implementing Good Administration** while also providing the narrative structure for the three conference days.

The thematic areas are intended as orientation rather than rigid categories. We welcome empirical, theoretical, conceptual, comparative and practice-oriented contributions from different disciplines, as well as interdisciplinary and cross-cutting perspectives. Contributions may be submitted as presentations or posters.

The programme will be complemented by keynote lectures, parallel paper sessions, panel discussions, poster presentations and networking opportunities, fostering exchange between researchers, research-oriented practitioners and early-career scholars.

Explaining Public Administration – Where We Stand

Drivers of administrative behaviour and decision-making (micro-level)
Organisational structures, capacity and reform dynamics (meso-level)
Governance systems, reform trajectories and crisis dynamics (macro-level)
Causes and consequences of administrative reforms
Performance, effectiveness and administrative capacity

Conceptualizing Good Administration – What We Want to Achieve

Legal principles, the rule of law and procedural justice
Legitimacy, trust and citizen perspectives
Public values, accountability and transparency
Stakeholder expectations, competing demands and governance trade-offs
Normative foundations and conceptualizations of better public administration

Implementing Good Administration – How We Get There

Digital transformation and AI in administrative practice
Implementation of reforms and organisational change
Co-production, collaborative governance and citizen engagement
Innovation under institutional constraints
Resilience and adaptive capacity of public institutions

Cross-Cutting Perspectives

Negotiating expectations in public administration
Balancing competing demands and governance trade-offs
Governance under uncertainty and multiple crises
Interdisciplinary approaches
Evidence-based policymaking and administrative learning