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Public Administration and Industry 4.0: an IIAS Call-for-Proposals

Hereby, the International Institute of Administrative Sciences is inviting its network to contribute to the IASIA-IIAS 2021 Joint Conference on Public Administration and Industry 4.0 by submitting call-for-papers. Organized by the University of South Africa (UNISA), the Conference is due to be held in Bela-Bela, South Africa on July 24-30 and will be run in hybrid delivery mode.

Industry 4.0 or the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) or refers to significant changes in the economic and social structures enabled by the new technologies, including: the Internet of things (IoT), Big data and analytics, Robotics, and 3-D printing (Strange & Zucchella 2017). Overall, Industry 4.0 is concerned with the automation of human work

The measures taken to address the Covid-19 pandemic have been speeding up the ongoing transition ([APEC 2020](#)): they demonstrated that retail, education, entertainment, and white-collar work don't require the simultaneous physical presence of individuals. They might have lasted long enough for a point of no return to be reached.

Industry 4.0 has a potentially disruptive impact on the 2030 SDGs Agenda. It could rebalance value creation and economic growth towards technology and R&D-intensive sectors, regions and individuals; transform how public goods such as education or security are produced and consumed; provide opportunities and risks for addressing wicked issues such as climate change, global security, pandemics and other disasters; achieve societal transformation.

Industry 4.0 is impacting Public Administration on two ways. Firstly, it provides a new array of tools enabling to transform or re-engineer public administrations workflows away from jurisdictional silos towards greater interaction, while at the same time significantly increasing the steering capacity of governments over other actors of society.

Secondly, it creates new priorities or rebalance existing ones, including: the regulation of tech giants regarding antitrust and other aspects, the fiscal consolidation, the management of growing social inequalities, of evolving forms of political expression and participation, and the globalization of public governance.

600 words-maximum call-for-papers contributing to address this theme through these or other aspects can be submitted here (by February 14th latest. The calls should have a title, chairperson(s) with institutional affiliation, an explanation of the title and (a) research question(s) authors are invited to answer.

Once accepted by IIAS, the call-for-papers will be published on the Conference website <https://www.iasia-iias-conference2021.org/> Authors will be able to submit abstracts by April 18th. Once accepted by the track chairs, authors will be invited to develop their abstract into a full paper by June 27th. Only full papers will be scheduled for presentation. They will be reviewed for submission to partner journals. The Conference will be run in hybrid delivery mode, allowing participants to join at distance.