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Call for Papers

Perspectives and Practices in South Asian Public Administration

The South Asian Network for Public Administration (SANPA), a collaborative consortium of scholars and practitioners in South Asia, calls for original research articles and essays for an edited book on *Public Administration in South Asia*. The editors welcome original first-hand empirical research, case studies, and reviews that focus on the social, political, economic, cultural dimensions of public administration across South Asian societies.

South Asian nations sharing a common past have different practices of public administration from ancient and colonial roots to present-day central bureaucracy that remain influential in society. As with any public administration tradition, the history of South Asia has been significant in shaping modern-day bureaucracy in the region. Colonial governing norms and practices influenced the development of a public administrative system that primarily emphasized law and order management and   revenue administration rather than underscoring the significance of citizen's interest. The model that has evolved in present-day public administration is primarily predicated on clientelism and patronage but to some degree reformed with a South Asian variant of New Public Management and later paradigms. SANPA seeks to bridge the gap between theoretical underpinnings of South Asian Public Administration and the practices on the ground to understand the future path of Public Administration in the region.

Titles and short abstracts (150 words maximum, describing the main arguments of the article) are to be sent to ahaque@uab.edu by June 15, 2022. Drafts of the selected proposals (6,000 to 8,000 words) will be due by August 3, 2022, for an online publication of the book by Spring 2023.

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

1. Public service values in South Asia
2. Sustainable Development Goals and South Asia
3. COVID pandemic and South Asian experience
4. Environment and Disaster Management
5. Public Administration education and practices in South Asia
6. E-Governance in South Asia (country specific experience)
7. Towards administrative regulations in managing bureaucracy in South Asia

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