

## Call for papers for the 7th FoJuS Annual Conference 2013

14-15 November 2013

Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn

### **Democracy and Public Administration: Developments, Opportunities and Challenges**

The concept of "full legislative control" of bureaucracies (Grauhan 1962) appears to be outdated. Especially changes of the principles of representative democracy set the hierarchically organized bureaucracy, controlled by parliamentary executives, under severe pressure. Growing claims by stakeholders and other actors for more participation in administrative decisions, increased informational resources of citizens in the digital age, but also administrative reforms (NPM and Post-NPM), the Europeanization, and the Economization of bureaucracies are exemplary developments that may challenge the organization and role of bureaucracies within the democratic chain of delegation.

Young scholars from public administration, public management, organization research, policy analysis, comparative politics and adjacent fields are cordially invited for this year's Annual Meeting of the Forum of Young State, Public Policy and Administration Scholars (FoJuS), the network for young scholars of the Standing Group on Policy Analysis and Public Administration of the German Political Science Association.

We would kindly like to encourage the submission of empirical and/or theoretical papers addressing the following aspects:

- the effects of plebiscitary elements on administrative activities, also from a comparative perspective
- experiences and challenges with new forms of political control (network governance, new public management), also from a policy/sectoral perspective
- administrative reforms aiming to increase transparency and the availability of government and administrative data (open government, open data)

The conference will provide a forum for both research in rather early stages (also outlines for PhD studies or individual chapters from a PhD study) as well as for the presentation of "ready" results. Building on the positive experience of past meetings, we will put the papers into separate panels and invite experienced colleagues (i.e. full professors) to act as discussants.

Please do not take the overall conference theme too serious – submit your interesting paper and we'll find a way to accommodate it into the program with other papers dealing with similar theoretical perspectives, empirical issues or methodological concerns.

This year we will also organize at least one panel that is held completely in English (paper givers, discussant, chair, and floor discussion).

We ask for **submission of abstracts** (300 words, German or English) until **15 July 2013** via email to Stefan Thierse ([sthierse@uni-bonn.de](mailto:sthierse@uni-bonn.de)).

The program will be announced in mid-August 2013. The full conference papers should be made available to the discussants no later than **7 November 2013**.

Best Regards,

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