

Philosophy and Public Administration: Directions of Inquiry

Biography

Edoardo Ongaro is a Professor of Public Management at The Open University in the UK. He specializes in comparative public administration and the relationship between public policy and public administration. He has extensive knowledge of public management reforms in Europe and other parts of the world and focuses his research on understanding the contextual influences and adaptation of public management practices to local circumstances. In terms of professional roles, Ongaro has held significant positions. He served as the Immediate Past President of the European Group for Public Administration (EGPA) from 2013 to 2019, which is considered the leading scholarly society in Europe for public administration, public management, and public governance studies. He is also a Member of the Council of Administration of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) and holds the position of Vice President (International) of the UK Association for Public Administration (UKAPA).



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Abstract

The seminar will consider the value of bringing philosophical thinking into the field of public administration and will discuss how philosophical thinking can be mobilised to shed light on overlooked perspectives in public administration. It is argued that different perspectives of inquiry can be developed: Philosophy for Public Administration (by mobilising philosophical thinking – philosophies – and applying them to PA problems); aligning Philosophy and PA (thereby outlining the ideational bases of PA); mapping backwards (by uncovering the underlying philosophical bases of extant PA research); and Philosophy of PA (by developing a dedicated philosophy of PA, either as a section of a broader philosophical system, or by elaborating a philosophy of the RQs in PA that are philosophical by their very nature). The perspectives are discussed in the seminar, thereby outlining a research agenda on the contribution philosophy can provide to the field of PA (as well as discussing how philosophical reflection may benefit from encompassing PA and its problems).

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