



2025 PSPA-EROPA Joint Conference

Call for Papers

*Public Administration in the Age of Populism,
Polycrisis, and Technological Transformation:
Dilemmas, Dynamics, and Directions*

October 1-3, 2025 | Tacloban City, Philippines



RATIONALE

Recent years have shown us how the changing political climate and the thrust of emerging technologies have influenced governance as it is today. Governance systems now face significant shocks (Baimenov & Liverakos, 2025). Given the resurgence of populism, the convergence of global polycrises, and rapid technological advancements, public administration stands at a critical crossroads.

The dilemmas and shifts in government foundations, alongside the transformations ushered in by the Fourth Industrial Revolution, place institutions in a state of cautious recalibration. The dynamics of compounding complexities reshape governance systems, decision-making processes, and institutional mandates. In light of these evolving challenges, the need for clear direction becomes imperative to navigate the unpredictable.

As practitioners reassess current systems on top of all these uncertainties, this conference will probe the question, **how will public administrators position the discipline against these transformations?**

The Philippine Society for Public Administration (PSPA) partners with the Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA) in co-hosting this joint international conference. This landmark collaboration brings together two of the leading institutions in the field of public administration in the Philippines. This historic event will be held at the gateway of Eastern Visayas, Tacloban City. The PSPA and EROPA invite scholars, practitioners, researchers, academics, students, and government and non-government leaders to join us for a thought-provoking discussion on:

“PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN THE AGE OF POPULISM, POLYCRISIS, AND TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION: DILEMMAS, DYNAMICS, AND DIRECTIONS”



RATIONALE

The conference seeks to open meaningful discourse on emerging challenges in governance and explore different critical yet timely topics, including:

- Intersection of Populism and Public Administration: Challenges to Governance and Bureaucratic Integrity
- Role of Public Administration in Upholding the Separation of Powers: Ensuring Checks and Balances (Ethics and Accountability)
- Assaults in the Bureaucracy: Reimagining Leadership in a Polarized World
- Public Administration as a Response to Polycrisis
- Crisis Management in an Era of Compounding Threats
- Technological Innovation vs. Traditional Governance: Striking a Balance
- Navigating Bureaucratic Challenges in the Era of AI
- State of the Global Sustainable Development Goals: A Critical Assessment
- Inclusive and Collaborative Governance: National and Local Relations
- Questioning the Discipline of Public Administration: Relevance amidst Uncertainty
- Standards of Excellence for Public Administration Education and Training

Partnering also with the PSPA and EROPA during this prestigious event are the House of Representatives, the Civil Service Commission (CSC), University of Makati College of Continuing, Advanced and Professional Studies College (CCAPS), Southern Leyte State University (SLSU), Ateneo School of Government (ASOG), Philippine Futures Thinking Society (PhilFutures), Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Valenzuela (PLV), De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde, Philippine Councilors League - Legislative Academy (PCL-LA), Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), and the NextGen Governance Consulting, Inc.



SUB THEMES

Interested paper presenters can submit their abstracts according to the main theme and sub-themes listed.



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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Paper Presenters are requested to adhere to the following guidelines:

- The paper must be relevant to the theme and/or sub-themes of the conference
- The paper must be written and presented in English
- A 300-word abstract, together with the biographical sketch of not more than 100 words of the paper presenter/s, must be submitted on or before the deadline
- Submissions should include the following: (1) author(s) name, title, institutional affiliation, and address; (2) contact information (email and phone); (3) paper title and conference sub-theme; and (4) abstract including references
- All submissions shall undergo a peer review process
- The authors of the accepted abstracts will be notified by the organizing committee via email. Once notified, paper presenters are requested to submit the full paper and PowerPoint presentation on or before the set deadline. There should be a cover page with the following information: title of the paper, theme/sub-theme, institution or agency, country, and contact details. Further, full papers should be between 6,000 to 8,000 words following the APA 7th edition citation style
- Presenters are requested to speak for fifteen (15) minutes to be followed by a 5-minute open forum for each presentation
- Accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings and may later on be considered for publication in indexed journals
- All submissions should be directed to the PSPA organizing committee via email at **pspaconferences@gmail.com**

REGISTRATION FEES

FILIPINO PARTICIPANTS

PHP6,500

FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS

\$250

IMPORTANT DATES

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION
DEADLINE**

July 30, 2025

**NOTIFICATION OF
ACCEPTANCE**

August 15, 2025

START OF REGISTRATION

August 16, 2025

**FULL PAPER SUBMISSION
DEADLINE**

September 15, 2025

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REGISTRATION**

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CONFERENCE DATES

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CONFERENCE VENUE

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