

Call for Papers, Annual Conference of IIAS study group on 'Co-Production of Public Services', May 19-20, 2020.

Deadline February 22, 2020.

We are pleased to circulate the Call for Abstracts of the ninth **annual conference of the IIAS study group on 'Co-Production of Public Services'**. This meeting will take place in Haifa (Israel) on **May 19-20th 2020**. Deadline for sending in abstracts is February 11, 2020.

More information can be found below and on our website:

<https://sites.google.com/hevra.haifa.ac.il/iias-study-group/home>

The Study Group on the Co-Production of Public Services

Earlier meetings organized by the study group established a small-scale, active, and sustainable network of scholars and practitioners focused on the co-production of public services. The study group provides a forum to discuss challenging research on innovations in public service delivery that include citizens' co-production. The study group has collaborated extensively to publish special issues in international public administration journals and a comprehensive book on co-production in a comparative international context. The study group seeks to promote close intercontinental collaboration among co-production scholars, including establishing joint research programs and developing a shared database of international case studies and survey data on co-production.

Conference Topics

Co-production refers to the involvement of both citizens and public-sector professionals in the delivery of public services. Although countries differ in the extent to which citizens play a role in the provision of public services, the practice of co-production is gaining ground around the world.

The overarching goal of this study group meeting is to advance our conceptual, theoretical, and empirical understanding of co-production. To that end, we are particularly interested in papers that tackle the complexity of co-production in terms of frameworks for analysis, applications of relevant theory, and empirical study. We hope that through our work we can also contribute to an increased understanding of the practice of co-production.

The goal of this conference is to promote theory and ideas for new research emphasizing a comparative view of co-production. Thus, the main theme of this conference will be devoted to:

- **Context** (geographical, cultural, political, economic, inter-organizational networks)
- **Actors** (local government, politicians and bureaucrats, non-profit organizations, individual or organized citizens)
- **Tools** (ICT, media and various community platforms)
- **Impact** (on the community, providers, society, political and administrative leaders in (local) governments involved in coproduction initiatives and services)

Studies that use innovative qualitative or quantitative methodological approaches are of particular interest. We also welcome a variety of disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches. Submissions are particularly encouraged from doctoral students working on the topic of co-production.

Meeting Format

Keynote Speaker - Prof. Stephen Osborne

We are honoured to host Prof. Stephen Osborne from the [University of Edinburgh Business School](#) and Editor of 'Public Management Review' (PMR).

Paper Presentations and Educational Tour

The meeting will consist of presentations of individual papers. Full papers will be made available to all participants in advance of the meeting to deepen the discussion. Each presenter will have an opportunity to discuss a paper of another colleague. The meeting will conclude with a roundtable conversation about the study group's plans for intercontinental collaboration in co-production research. In addition, on the second day we will arrange an educational tour of the municipality of Haifa and see examples of co-production in action.

Date and Location

The meeting of the Study Group on the Co-Production of Public Services will take place at the University of Haifa, Israel from **19 – 20 May 2020**.

Cost

The registration fee is 140 Euros. Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodations.

The registration details and information on accommodations will be available soon.

Submissions

Please submit abstracts (maximum 600 words) **by 11 February 2020** to Itai Beeri (itaibeeri@poli.haifa.ac.il) and Anna Uster (auster@staff.haifa.ac.il).

Participants will be notified of acceptance **by 1 March 2020**. Full papers should be submitted **by 1 May 2020**.

For questions about the conference, please contact Itai Beeri (itaibeeri@poli.haifa.ac.il) or Anna Uster (auster@staff.haifa.ac.il).

Organization

The IIAS study group on the Co-Production of Public Services is co-chaired by Trui Steen (KU Leuven, Belgium), Tina Nabatchi (Syracuse University, United States), and Dirk Brand (University of Stellenbosch, South Africa).

The 2020 conference is organised by Itai Beeri (itaibeeri@poli.haifa.ac.il) and Anna Uster (auster@staff.haifa.ac.il).