

Call for Papers

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Special Issue on Contemporary Developments in the Ethics of Public Sector Innovation

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The Innovation Journal is announcing a Call for Papers for a symposium issue on *Contemporary Developments in the Ethics of Public Sector Innovation*. Papers selected for this issue would address one or more of the following developments or approaches to the topic. The intent is to give exposure to major recent advances in ethical analysis that may not be altogether familiar to our readership. The following list is suggestive rather than exclusive:

- 1) Critical treatments of now-standard approaches to ethical analysis, with regard to their applicability to contemporary challenges for public ethics and for innovation in governance: i.e., contractualism, virtue-theoretic accounts of right action, deontological ethics, consequentialism, constructivism, postmodernism, professional ethics,
- 2) Critical treatments of behavioral and social science approaches to public-sector ethics: e.g., moral psychology and social psychology, pluralist political theory and public ethics
- 3) Treatments of specific theorists in relation to contemporary public sector issues: e.g., Rawls, Nussbaum, Buchanan, MacIntyre, Habermas, Levinas, Churchland, and issues such as identity politics, social equity, economic policy in transition, and the politics of war and peace
- 4) Complexity science (or complex-adaptive-system) approaches to public ethics:
 - a. Mathematical and computer modeling of ethics in contexts of public sector innovation; agent-based ethics and agent-based modeling of public ethics
 - b. Emergent theories or constructs of ethical behavior in the public sector; epigenetic models of public ethics; connectionist accounts of ethics; network ethics