

Call for Papers

3rd Public and Political Leadership Network Conference: Leadership in a Changing Environment

April 19-20, 2018

In times of rapid climate change, political turbulence on a global level and large demographic challenges to many countries, public and political leadership face immense pressure. Populist political parties with radical agendas are transforming politics in many Western countries and the effects can be seen across societies. The third international PUPOL conference theme is leadership in a changing environment. We encourage submissions that explore the different aspects of this research area, while other papers on public and political leadership are also welcome.

With this year's conference theme, we want to explore leadership challenges that arise from rapid change, such as crisis management and dealing with technological change on markets, but also those that concern more slow-burning, structural issues such as negotiating multilateral framework agreements to combat climate change, to limit disaster risk and to facilitate international trade. Other intriguing topics within the realm of Leadership in a Changing Environment involve the changes emanating from leadership transitions and leadership challenges relating to public, organizational and corporate values and losses in market/public trust. The communicative practices deployed in facing rapid change are especially interesting.

Papers, workshops and symposia are invited on topics relevant to the theme, including but not limited to:

- Global challenges for the public and political domains (e.g. migration, safety, climate change) and the role of leadership therein
- Processes and outcomes of crisis leadership at societal, inter- and intra-organizational, group and/or individual levels on key societal functions (e.g. democratic practices, policy-making, public services, creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship, auditing and monitoring, communication)
- The role of leadership in addressing wicked problems, on an international, national, regional or local level and in different policy domains (e.g. policing, welfare, economic development)
- Negative leadership (e.g. destructive, abusive or toxic leadership) and how this diminishes public and social value
- Original methodological perspectives and comparative studies in researching antecedents, processes and outcomes of leadership
- Power, politics and political astuteness in public and political leadership
- Leadership development for crisis management

Key conference dates and deadlines

Submission deadline paper proposals and abstracts (500 words)	30/11/2017
Deadline for early bird registration	15/01/2018
Decision on papers	31/01/2018
Final deadline for submission of full papers and for registration	15/03/2018

The conference fee will be £100 for early bird registration and £125 after that date. The conference features keynote addresses from world-class academics on public and political leadership, and there will be a dinner speech by a high profile leader.

For more information on the 2018 conference visit the [conference website](#) or contact Stephanie Young at: Stephanie.young@fhs.se



Conference location: The Swedish Defence University, Stockholm

The conference will take place in the main building of the Swedish Defence University located on the campus of the KTH Royal Institute of Technology, which is easily reached by subway from the Stockholm central station. The campus has full university facilities (free Wi-Fi, access to the Anna Lindh Library, café in the building, restaurants on campus, etc.). Conference delegates are eligible for special hotel rates. Please check the conference registration page for details regarding which hotels are participating.