

CALL FOR PAPERS

1st IGCOORD Conference

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“Political Actors in Intergovernmental Coordination: Perspectives and Priorities”

Faculty of Law of the Eötvös Loránd University, Egyetem tér 1-3

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Many challenges to governance today are multi-level in nature. This starts with climate change and pandemic policy and continues with food security and transportation. In the vast majority of cases, solutions can only be achieved through the coordination of executive and legislative action across different levels of government. Coordination takes place among governments of the same level (horizontally) and or vertically, between the state and its regions or regions and their local governments. But while it is easy to think of these levels and arenas of governance as unified actors, it is impossible to analyse and provide policy advice to strengthen such processes without understanding the political actors involved in such intergovernmental coordination.

Against this background, this conference aims to bring together established and early-career scholars; experts and practitioners to examine the concept, scope and roles of different types of actors involved in intergovernmental coordination. This includes actors in both vertical and horizontal coordination, focusing on local, national, and international governance coordination. It covers all policy areas, and relations between them, that include elements of intergovernmental coordination, as well as governmental and non-governmental oversight bodies. In short, the conference aims to gather, broaden, deepen, and synthesize the knowledge of scholars and practitioners so as to better understand the different types of actors involved in intergovernmental coordination and their strategic interactions in all regions of Europe, including countries outside of the European Union.

Possible topics include but are not limited to:

- The role and priorities of political actors involved in intergovernmental coordination, especially in relation to institutional framework(s).
- Typologies and mapping of political actors involved in intergovernmental coordination.
- The role of political parties and parliaments in intergovernmental coordination, through formal and/or informal channels, both as facilitators and spoilers
- Constraints and limitations of institutional framework(s) within which political actors coordinate governance across territorial units, both vertical and horizontal as well across national borders.
- The impact of economic, social, or other crises on intergovernmental coordination.
- The role and impact of designated coordinating bodies.

- Comparison of institutional framework(s) for intergovernmental coordination and political actors in different countries.
- Intergovernmental coordination within specific fields of governance, as national case studies or in comparative perspective.

We invite proposals for individual paper contributions and/or panels that engage empirically, conceptually, and/or normatively with these and related issues. We aim to feature the best of contemporary research, including new research by early career investigators (ECI) and participants from inclusiveness target countries (ITC). The working language of the conference is English.

Proposals for papers should include the title; an abstract of max. 300 words, 5–7 keywords; the identification of the main field of science (Political Science; Law; Economics; etc.); and the contact details and affiliation of the author(s).

Panel proposals must include:

- A minimum of three papers and a maximum of four;
- Panel title and a short description of the panel (max. 200 words);
- Individual paper titles and short abstract (max. 100 words and 5-7 keywords for each); Contact details and affiliations for all paper-givers (and possibly the discussant and chair);

The final deadline for the electronic submission of an abstract and panel proposal is **12th December 2022**. Notices of acceptance will be sent out the week of 16th January 2023. Proposals should be submitted by email at conference@igcoord.eu.

Registration: The conference is supported by COST. There is no conference fee, but registration is required.

Authors whose abstracts have been accepted are requested to join one of the Working Groups of IGCOORD COST Action (CA20123).

Authors are required to submit their papers by **the 15th of April 2023**. Submitting a draft version of the paper on time is a condition for attending the conference as a presenter.

Selected presenters who are members of the Management Committee of IGCOORD whose papers have been submitted on time (as above) are eligible for reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs, other participants, namely Working Group Members and external participants, may be reimbursed based on the availability of funds.

Priority in funding will be given to IGCOORD members who have submitted full papers of high quality and relevance to the conference topic. In the case of co-authored submissions, only one of the authors is eligible for reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs.

The conference is supported by Studia Iuridica Lublinensia, and authors will be given the possibility to publish not only in this journal but in several no-cost publication options in peer-reviewed and indexed journals, conditioned on successful peer review. Papers that fail to pass the peer-review process for indexed journals, may still be published in the conference's proceedings.

The conference will be held in Budapest at the Faculty of Law of the Eötvös Loránd University, Egyetem tér 1-3. Confirmed **keynote speakers** are **Prof. Sabine Kropp**, Free University Berlin, and Dr. **Katrin Auel**, Institute for Advanced Studies Vienna.

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