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## **Call for Papers: Ethics, public administration and political scandals in comparative perspective**

1<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Journal “*Etica Pubblica. Studi su legalità e partecipazione*” (*Public ethics. Studies on legality and participation*), directed by Prof. Paolo Mancini

Perugia 6 – 7 December 2019

We invite paper proposals that reflect on the existing relationship between public ethics, public administration and scandals possibly with a comparative perspective. Indeed, such as Giovanni Sartori wrote “the one who knows just one country, knows anything”. Public ethics can be understood in many ways: it may refer to the diffusion of a shared idea of public good/interest (see, for instance, the well known Swedish “common house”), or to the level of integrity and civil service ethos existing among public officials, etc. Assuming that the higher the level of public ethics, the lesser the number of scandals, mostly in the area of public administration, evidences that support/ contradict this thesis may represent the focus of the paper. How would presenters describe the relationship between public ethics, public administration and scandals in their own country, possibly within a comparative perspective? How is the political systems affecting this relationship? Which legal constraints can improve the relationship between ethic and public administration? How did the relationship between public ethics, public administration and scandals evolved historically? Can news media contribute in preventing public malfeasances and in enhancing the level of public ethics? The discussion of actual examples is welcome but more theoretically oriented proposals dealing with different scientific approaches (historical, legal, sociological, etc.) are accepted as well.

The event will be held at University of Perugia (Italy), Department of Political Science on December 6 - 7, 2019.

*Confirmed keynote speakers:*

Paul Heywood (University of Nottingham)

Sigurd Allern (University of Oslo)

Ester Pollack (Stockholm University)

Gianfranco Pellegrino (Luiss Guido Carli)

Abstract will be peer-reviewed. Please send an abstract of no more than 300 words and a cover sheet with a brief biographical note, your institutional affiliation and your contact details (including your email address). Abstracts should be sent to [redazione.eticapubblica@unipg.it](mailto:redazione.eticapubblica@unipg.it) . Please address

any queries to the same address in the first instance. Closing date for proposals: September 20, 2019. You will be notified of the acceptance of your paper by October, 15.

A selection of the best full papers presented at the conference will be published in the journal after peer review.

Papers and abstract can be submitted both in Italian or in English.

For further information, please visit our website <http://www.lepa.unipg.it/en/conference-6-7-december-2019/>