

2nd IGCOORD conference

**Vertical and Horizontal Coordination:**  
Tools, Mechanisms and Barriers to Solving Complex Policy Issues

Day 1 • 13 June 2024

8:30-9:00 • Registration and coffee

9:00-10:30 • **Parallel sessions**

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Navigating Albania's democratic landscape: insights into electoral dynamics, political dichotomy, local governance, and transparency

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**Nevila Xhindi, Elda Bagaviki:**  
Electoral Dynamics and Political Dichotomy in Albania's Territorial Reform

• **Roland Lami:**  
The municipal council as an extension of the executive power in local governance in Albania

• **Dorina Gijpali:**  
A legal framework analysis of transparency in local public service delivery in Albania

• **Holta Heba, Enis Sokoli:**  
Public relations in central and local institutions in Albania

Chair: Nevila Xhindi

Local autonomy and administrative capacity

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**Bettina Petersohn:**  
Responding to financial incentives: local government coordination as a response to initiatives from central government

• **Olha Krasovska, Vitalii Gryga:**  
How war changes decentralization in Ukraine

• **Jasmina Džinić, Iva Lopižić:**  
Reorganization of the state administration system and vertical coordination in Croatia

• **Juraj Nemeč, Beata Mikušová Meričková, Nikoleta Jakuš Muthová:**  
Contract management and the success of externalization of services on the local level

Intergovernmental meetings and central government policy-making

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**Marius Guderjan:** Intergovernmental institutions and practices in the UK: fit for purpose or unable to cope?

• **Istvan Hoffman:**  
"Poetry and truth": central government and municipal meetings in Hungary

• **Rachel Minto, Carolyn Rowe, Elin Royles:**  
Intergovernmental relations on UK-EU policy

• **Johanna Schnabel, Arjan Schakel, Yvonne Hegele:**  
Intergovernmental meetings and central government policymaking in federal, regionalized, and unitary-decentralized countries

• **Fabian Schmid:**  
Cooperation with a generalized standard distribution: formation and use of the Königstein Key in German federalism

Chairs: Johanna Schnabel & Yvonne Hegele

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## Legal regulation of multilevel policies

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**Istvan Hoffman:** Multilayer-system and intergovernmental coordination in the field of disability services and policy

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**Daniela Serra Castilhos:**

Green public procurement in Portugal: tools, mechanisms and barriers and opportunities for sustainability

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**Miloš Milosavljević, Olga Radovanović, Jovan Krivokapić:**

Assessing the vertical coordination of governmental support for the SME sector: a case of Serbia

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**Gabriela Neagu:**

Social policy in EU between national and supranational regulations: the case of European Network of Public Employment Services (PES)

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**Maria Ferreira:**

The European Commission and migrant integration policies: discursive institutionalism, modes of policy learning and European territorial multilevel governance

## Intra- and inter-municipal coordination

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**Mariia Chebotareva, Diana Eerma:**

Modelling municipal cooperation by the means of functional overlapping jurisdictions (FOCJs)

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**Natalija Shikova, Irena Bojadzievska:**

Transparency and intergovernmental coordination, an example from North Macedonia

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**Minas Angelidis:**

Smart, green cities and city networks in the European Union

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**Laura Iacob:**

A human-centered smart city approach through vertical and horizontal coordination in Romania

## Patterns and strategies of intergovernmental lobbying (part I)

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**Nathalie Behnke:**

Strategies of intergovernmental lobbying - a research agenda

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**Sühalet Semsit:**

Strategies of local government associations in Türkiye: the case of the Union of Municipalities of Türkiye

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**Nathalie Behnke, Till Juergens, Jonas Bernhard:**

Towards a typology of intergovernmental lobbying strategies

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**Edyta Calka:**

The European Committee of the Regions as the Voice of Regions and Cities in the European Union

Chair: Jennifer Jensen

12:30-14:00 • Lunch (not provided)

14:00-15:30 • Parallel sessions

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## Territorial politics

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**Gaia Matilde Ripamonti, Susanna Pagiotti:** Yesterday is history, tomorrow is mystery: parties' positioning and news coverage on regional differentiated autonomy in Italy (2017-2024)

• **Thareerat Loahabut:**

Spillover and steppingstone? Party parliamentary trajectories in multi-level systems

• **Bilal Hassan, Arjan Schakel:**

Multilevel government during crises: decision-making and implementation by local and regional governments during the Covid-19 crisis in 31 European countries

• **Ruben Tambofeo:**

The balkanization process in Spain: consequences of the Regime and Constitution of 1978 and electoral dynamics

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## Crisis management and resilience

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**Zahide Erdogan:**

Disaster and emergency coordination in Türkiye: hierarchy and network

• **Jaroslav Kostrubiec:**

Intergovernmental coordination in the time of crisis: legal aspects of coordination between local and regional governments during the extraordinary states in Poland

• **Todor Stoyanov:**

Forest fires in Bulgaria - communication, coordination and coherence

• **Sedef Eylemer:**

Vertical coordination in international migration management: the case of Türkiye

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## Patterns and strategies of intergovernmental lobbying (part II)

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**Jennifer Jensen:**

Federalism, American style: the strange role and implications of U.S. public official associations as partisan operatives

• **Rahel Freiburghaus:**

Size, strategy or self-conception? Explaining intergovernmental lobbying choices in federal Switzerland

• **Marius Guderjan:**

UK territorial politics: between intergovernmental relations and territorial lobbying

• **Mendeltje van Keulen, Tibor Hargitai:**

Conditions for successful multilevel coordination of EU policy

Chair: **Nathalie Behnke**

15:30-16:00 • Coffee break

Lecture Hall S3|13

16:00-17:30 • Plenary lecture

**Sean Mueller:**

Shared rule in federal theory and practice. Concept, causes, consequences

18:00-20:00 • Reception

Welcome by Prof. Dr. **Thomas Walther**,  
University Vice President of innovation and international affairs

## Day 2 • 14 June 2024

9:00-10:30 • Parallel sessions

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### Politics in vertical relations

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**Sanja Vojdović, Natacha Jesus-Silva, Noémia Bessa Vilela:**  
Global appetite for Lithium from a local perspective - comparative lessons from Serbia and Portugal

**Flavia Lucia Ghencea, Anthony M.D. Murphy:**  
Crossing the floor in the name of intergovernmental coordination: the legislative response to party switching in Romania

**Adina Trandafir:**  
Political budget cycles impact on public expenditure at local level in Romania

**Ivan Stanojević, Bojan Vranić:**  
Addressing the Serbian housing crisis: a proposal for tax policy reform through vertical and horizontal coordination

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### Governance coordination in cross-border cooperation: organization and challenges

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**Joanna Kurowska-Pysz:**  
Cross-border project management towards more resilient cooperation in the European borderlands

**Tomasz Studzieniecki:**  
Coordination of energy policy in EU macro-regions

**Hynek Bohm:**  
How to counteract the crisis of multilateralism: cross-border cooperation as one of the antidotes?

**Andrius Puksas:**  
The role of EU policies in shaping Lithuanian-Polish cross-border cooperation

**Andrzej Karubowski, Karolina Skibinska, Jakub Skibinski:**  
Euroregions, Interreg, and multi-level governance: to what extent do Euroregions shape the spatial, structural and thematic logic of cross-border cooperation?

Chair: **Tomasz Studzieniecki**

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### Blame attribution strategies in multilevel systems

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**Antonios Souris, Sabine Kropp:**  
Blame attribution strategies in cooperative federalism: a dictionary approach

**Celine Honegger:**  
The impact of cooperative federalism and party politics on governments' blame avoidance strategies in times of crisis

**Celine Mavrot, Fritz Sager:**  
Blame-avoidance and fragmented crisis management during the COVID-19 pandemic in Switzerland

**Tim Heinkelmann-Wild, Berthold Rittberger, Bernhard Zangl, Lisa Kreigmar:**  
European Blame Games: where does the buck stop?

Chair: **Antonios Souris**

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12:30 • Lunch buffet and Farewell

### The Bundesrat as a model for shared rule?

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Chair: **Nicola McEwan**