



Mid-term Conference

# LoGov – Local Government and the Changing Urban-Rural Interplay

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# Programme

## Thursday, 13 October

09:00-09:10      **Welcome**  
Martin Burgi, LMU Munich  
Karl Kössler, Eurac Research Bolzano/Bozen

### Session 1: Local Responsibilities and Public Services

Moderator: Martin Burgi, LMU Munich  
Discussant: Carol Mills, University of Technology Sydney

09:10-09:20      **Introduction**  
Martin Burgi, LMU Munich

09:20-09:40      **One size fits all? Criteria for assigning tasks to urban and rural local governments**  
Daniel Wolff, University of Augsburg

09:40-10:10      **Discussion**

10:10-10:30      **Roles of (local) public enterprises and PPP urban and rural local governments**  
Stephan Grohs, German University for Administrative Sciences Speyer

10:30-11:00      **Discussion**

11:00-11:30      **Coffee Break**

### Session 2: Local Financial Arrangements

Moderator: Francisco Velasco Caballero, Autonomous University of Madrid  
Discussant: Thomas Prorok, KDZ Centre for Public Administration Research Vienna

11:30-11:40      **Introduction**  
Francisco Velasco Caballero, Autonomous University of Madrid

11:40-12:00      **Equalization of revenue between urban and rural local governments**  
Enid Slack, University of Toronto

12:00-12:30      **Discussion**

12:30-13:30      **Lunch Break**

13:30-13:50      **Investment in infrastructure and local development**  
María Luisa Esteve Pardo, University of Girona

13:50-14:20      **Discussion**

### Session 3: Structure of Local Government

Moderator: Eva Maria Belser, University of Fribourg  
Discussant: Zemelak Ayele, Addis Ababa University

14:20-14:30

#### **Introduction**

Eva Maria Belser, University of Fribourg

14:30-14:50

#### **Effects of Inter-municipal Cooperation**

Marieke van Genugten, Radboud University

14:50-15:20

#### **Discussion**

15:20-15:50

#### **Coffee Break**

15:50-16:10

#### **Effects of Amalgamations**

Søren Serritzlew, Aarhus University

16:10-16:40

#### **Discussion**

16:50-17:50

#### **Round table discussion “Current Challenges for Urban and Rural Municipalities: The COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond”**

Moderator:

Petra Malfertheiner, Eurac Research Bolzano/Bozen

Discussants:

Alexandra Schantl, KDZ Centre for Public Administration Research Vienna

Bernd Vöhringer, President of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress

Nikola Tarbuk, Secretary General of the Conference of Towns and Municipalities of Serbia

17:50-18:20

#### **Lessons for LoGov from Day 1**

Moderators:

Martin Burgi, LMU Munich

Francisco Velasco Caballero, Autonomous University of Madrid

Eva Maria Belser, University of Fribourg

18:20-19:00

#### **Free time**

19:30

#### **Dinner**

at a traditional Bavarian restaurant (Augustiner Klosterwirt, Augustinerstr. 1, 80331 Munich)

# Friday, 14 October

## Session 4: Intergovernmental Relations of Local Governments

Moderator: Elton Stafa, NALAS

Discussant: Tinashe Chigwata, University of the Western Cape

09:00-09:10

### Introduction

Elton Stafa, NALAS – Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South East Europe

09:10-09:30

### IGR architecture and the representation of urban and rural local governments

Silvia Bolgherini, University of Perugia

09:30-10:00

### Discussion

10:00-10:20

### Local governments and IGR

Annegret Eppler, University of Administrative Sciences in Kehl

10:20-10:50

### Discussion

10:50-11:20

### Coffee Break

## Session 5: People's Participation in Local Decision-making

Moderator: Erika Schläppi, Ximpulse Bern

Discussant: Asha Sarangi, Jawaharlal Nehru University

11:20-11:30

### Introduction

Erika Schläppi, Ximpulse Bern

11:30-11:50

### The effects of citizens' participation in local decision-making

Matthew Ryan, University of Southampton

11:50-12:20

### Discussion

12:20-13:20

### Lunch Break

13:20-13:40

### 'Not in my backyard': Potential and challenges of citizens' participation around decisions on large-scale projects

Giulio Citroni, Università della Calabria

13:40-14:10

### Discussion

14:10-14:40

### Lessons for LoGov from Day 2

Moderators:

Elton Stafa, NALAS

Erika Schläppi, Ximpulse Bern

14:40-14:50

### Closing session

Karl Kössler, Eurac Research Bolzano/Bozen

14:50-15:20

### Coffee Break



15:20-16:20

**Guided tour**

The White Rose memorial exhibition 'DenkStätte Weiße Rose'

<https://www.weiße-rose-stiftung.de/white-rose-memorial-exhibition/>

16:20-19:00

**Free time**

19:00

**Dinner**