

XII Annual Conference of the International Research Society for Public Management

Call for Papers

Ownership in the Public Sphere: Issues and Challenges Panel

This Panel will build on the Panel on "Public Ownership and Enterprise Management" which we organised for the IRSPM conference in Milan in 2005 -- the papers from which were subsequently published in a symposium with the same title in the *The Asia Pacific Journal of Public Administration*, 27(2) 2005.

The underlying ideas in the Milan panel and subsequent APJPA symposium were developed further in a paper on "Ownership in the Public Sphere: A Significant Component of Governance in an Era of Reform" which we presented at the IRSPM conference in Potsdam in April 2007. Some other presenters at the Potsdam conference addressed related issues, and we would like to involve them and other possible contributors in the Panel we are now organising for the IRSPM conference to be held in Brisbane.

We hope that the contributions will make connections with issues of ownership-management relationships, privatisation and public-private mixes, along with related questions such as the development of new forms of government/state ownership and the rise of various forms of community ownership.

As with the papers from the 2005 conference in Milan, we will seek soon after the 2008 conference to have the papers published as a Journal symposium.

If you are interested in contributing to the panel in Brisbane, can you please email us a brief indication of what you would like to cover. We can be contacted on:

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Thanks very much

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