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The role of networks in public management of transition countries
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Short description of the panel: Till few months ago the concept of transition economies mainly concerned the post communist countries. Today the political-social turmoil that invested Arab countries - meaningful owing to the diffusion of network technologies - forces the public managerial theory to discuss about an enlarged transition concept linked to the macro change of people governance. The panel aims to provide an overview of innovative initiatives in the field of governance and management change together with network role in post communist countries that anticipated with their crisis the problems of the present volatile time. Public administrations of transition countries actually suffered for the passage to a model of administrative decentralization and market economy. They are producing many

innovative experiences particularly linked to New Public Management.

The challenge emerging in these countries refers to the re-elaboration process of experiences carried out in those more industrialized countries that have applied with alternative successes the New Public Management, valorizing their local peculiarities. With the governance crack down still in progress in Arab countries the subject needs a methodological debate having the purpose to understand which are proposals from public management considering that these crisis are motivated basically from an insufficient level of services from the public management comparing to citizens' expectations.

The experiences discussed in this panel will provide interesting contributions for a better understanding of the problems that the management of public organizations is facing in the international frame. Particularly the debate focuses on the search of new organizational forms introduced by the globalization, the network economy and the turbulences of those countries that are moving to the democracy together with the difficulties of industrialized world to overcome the economical-financial crisis developed in last years and the challenge of population migration.

The main topics are:
- New Public Management: a triumph or frustration for transition countries?
- Administrative centralization and decentralization process in the management of new relationships with citizens
- Network management and services delivering in the democracies
- The decreasing strength of institutionalized network in managing the World change.
- The role of international projects in the modernization of transition countries
- Local governments in the development of SMEs of post communist and in change economies
- The management of big infrastructures according to decentralized model.
- The privatization of companies operating in network services
- The network performance in public and project management
- The European proposals for the creation of a network in the public manager educational area extended to transition countries
- The influence of networks in Public Management and Private Public Partnership in post communist and in change countries of Eastern Europe, Middle East and North Africa.
- The role of universities in the development of economic democracy.
- Intelligent systems and public networks development.
- From brain migration to population migration as an extension of transition problems.

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