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CALL FOR PAPERS:

2014 ANNUAL PAC (UK) CONFERENCE IN COLLABORATION WITH

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**at the Foresight Centre
UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL, UK**

9th-11th June, 2014

Theme: "Public Leadership in an Age of Austerity: Contestability and Conflict?"

Convenors: Associate Professor Pamela T. Dunning, Troy University
Professor John Diamond, Edge Hill University
Dr Mike Rowe, University of Liverpool

The collapse of the international banking and finance systems in the Fall of 2008 resulted in a number of immediate social, economic and political crises for public institutions of governance and decision making across North America and the European Union. These crises took on different forms within the different nation states which make up the EU and the WTO. But, we can observe some common themes - a core theme has been the crisis affecting the legitimacy of representative democratic institutions - assemblies, parliaments or congressional centres of authority have been challenged by outside political groupings (often of the Far Right) and this has impacted too on the

legitimacy of the idea of the 'public'. The public realm remains a contested concept and, in an Age of Austerity, we can see across these advanced economies how public provision funded by taxation is being increasingly challenged. The question appears to be not whether cuts should be made but rather the pace and scale of the cuts. These political and economic crises impact directly on those public managers, administrators or professionals who work in the public realm or who lead and advise elected politicians. Thus, there is a crisis too of legitimacy and confidence for those who work and value the ideal of public service. At this Conference - which brings together researchers, practitioners and professionals from across both the United States and Europe - we want to examine these themes and to reflect upon some of the key questions which we think are raised by these changes. We think that there are long-term implications for those who value and promote the idea of the 'public'. We do not think that this is just another crisis of global capitalism. The response of politicians and broader civil society institutions and agencies suggests that there are a number of profound and long-term changes taking place within the field of 'public administration' or 'public management'. We think that these changes have implications for how we conceptualise the teaching and learning and on-going professional development of practitioners and leaders; how we think of the design and delivery of key public services from those involved in emergency planning to health and welfare provision; how we manage, govern and make decisions at a local, city or regional level; and how we theorise notions and concepts of 'public leadership'.

We welcome papers that address the following themes:

- Teaching and Learning in an Age of Austerity
- Emergency Services: Innovation and change
- Public Administration in an Age of Austerity: Lessons from Nation States
- Accountability and Innovation in Public Services: The Role of Elected Officials
- City Governance and Urban Renewal: Theorising the Practice of Localism
- Early Career Research: Mentoring and Supervision

We welcome, too, proposals for round tables or additional panel discussions as well as individual submissions.

Panel proposals, describing the theme, its relevance to the audience and identifying likely speakers and topics should be sent to the Conference Organising Committee by Friday 6th December, 2013. We will make decisions on these proposals by Friday 20th December, 2013 to allow for the panel organisers to advertise, recruit and confirm speakers.

Paper proposals, in the form of an abstract of approximately 500 words, should be submitted to the Conference Organising Committee by Friday 28th February, 2014 and we let you know if your proposal is accepted by Friday 21st March, 2014.

Swift decisions will be made on early submissions, particularly for any colleagues with travel and other funding application deadlines and always within four weeks.

Papers and proposals should be submitted to the convenors:

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Queries regarding the venue, administration and other matters can be addressed to ulmsents@liv.ac.uk.

Further details and news will be available from: <http://www.liv.ac.uk/management/conferences/>.

Conference Fee

The conference fee will cover attendance, lunch at the venue, tea and coffee during the day and a conference dinner¹. We plan to hold this on the evening of Tuesday 10th at a venue with views of Liverpool's historic waterfront, regenerated docks and the River Mersey (<http://www.matou.co.uk/>). For those arriving early, we will also be holding a pre-conference drinks reception on the evening of Sunday 8th (venue to be confirmed).

Conference rates:

- Full delegate rate - £120 (approx \$180 at current exchange rates)
- Doctoral student/concessions rate – £80 (approx \$120)

Venue

The conference will be held in the University of Liverpool's Foresight Centre (<http://www.foresightcentre.co.uk/>), a 15 minute walk or 5 minute taxi ride from the waterfront and city centre hotels.



Accommodation

Accommodation is bookable in addition to your conference fee. We have arranged a number of hotels which you may like to use, located in the Albert Dock area and the city centre; both areas are classed as 'the city centre', and are in walking distance of the transport points. To book accommodation, please click [here](https://www.conferencebookings.co.uk/delegate/TMPAIB2012). <https://www.conferencebookings.co.uk/delegate/TMPAIB2012> All rooms are available up to a month before the conference. After this time a phone number will be provided which you can use for assistance, but **early booking is strongly recommended**. Please note that inclusion in this list does not constitute a recommendation by the University of Liverpool or Liverpool Convention Bureau, but all hotels have been inspected by Liverpool Convention Bureau and meet their standards.

Getting to Liverpool

Liverpool is located in the North West of England around two hours train journey from London Euston to Liverpool Lime Street Station, or one and a half hours from Birmingham New Street station. The National Express coach station is a short walk from the city centre and is well served by taxis.

If arriving by air, the nearest airports are Liverpool John Lennon Airport or, for trans-Atlantic flights, Manchester Airport. Buses connect John Lennon Airport and the city centre. There is a rail link from Manchester Airport to Manchester Piccadilly where you can connect for a train to Liverpool Lime Street station which is in the city centre.

¹ For those bringing partners and others with them who would also like to attend the dinner, there will be a small additional charge.

If driving to Liverpool, please consult a road map to find the easiest route. Parking at the University is severely limited and charged on a pay and display basis, you are able to park in any of the visitor car parks on campus which charge £1 per hour and accept cash only on departure. For directions to the University please click [here](#). The closest visitor car park is off Cambridge Street (marked on the map at the end of the information) this is a five minute walk from the Management School. Please note that a one way system is in operation so access is gain from Oxford Street only. When parked and walking to the Management School turn left, walk along the side of Abercromby Square garden's then follow the road to the right and the Management School is the second building on the left, accessible up the pathway on the left.

Taxi transport

If using taxis whilst in Liverpool please be aware that only the Hackney carriages 'Black Cabs' are licensed to carry passengers without prior bookings. Please do not use standard car taxis that have not been pre-booked, as these will not be subject to the required licensing laws. One taxi company you can use is:

Taxi number- Mersecabs on 0151 2982222

You should ask to be picked up from Myrtle Street (pronounced Mer tell) Street opposite Tesco Express, and then wait for the taxi by the car parking barrier.

Other useful numbers

- Rail enquiries 08457 48 49 50 www.nationalrail.co.uk
- Travel line 0871 200 22 33
- Liverpool John Lennon Airport 0870 750 8484 or www.liverpoolairport.com
- Merseytravel 0871 200 2233 or www.merseytravel.gov.uk
- National Express 0870 580 8080 or www.nationalexpress.com



Tourist Attractions

Liverpool has many galleries and museums you can [visit during your trip](#) including the [Victoria Gallery and Museum on campus](#) as well as a vibrant city centre and places of interest at The Albert Dock including 'The Beatles Story' and a trip around the city centre in a 'Duck Marine' bus. If you are interested in [Beatles trips](#) where there are options for private, taxi based and coach based tours. For full information about what to do in the city click [here](#) (www.visitliverpool.com)