

DESCRIPTION FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC:
The Legal Challenges of Innovative Public Governance

The term “public governance” as well as related concepts such as “good governance” or “multi-level governance” are primarily associated with the political dimension and concerns shaping of specific sectoral policies at different decision and administrative levels. The foundation of such governance is the multiplicity of the involved actors as well as the complexity of communication and decision making processes. Actors who participate in such broadly understood processes of deliberation and exchange of views are on the one hand, independent and, on the other hand, closely interdependent.

In this context regulating activities which are relevant to each state are undergoing transformation. In addition to state structures also other non-state entities participate in regulating of sectoral policies. The creation of law in such complex dependency systems, in which different types of actors are active, is both formalized and informal. In the first case, one should take into account the traditional instruments of international law emerging within international organizations on the basis of treaty agreements of countries co-participating in international cooperation. In the second case one should concern normative instruments arising outside the traditional legislative process characteristic for international organizations. The emerging legal solutions must meet the challenges related not only to the progressing internationalization of social life and the opening of regulatory and decision-making processes to new participants, such as non-governmental organizations, associations, lobbying groups, representatives of business and academic environments, but they also have to fit in dynamically changing conditions related to the technological development.

Digitalization and modernization of public administration services applies to every citizen. Nowadays in the face of the development of supranational regulations and institutional solutions, it is difficult to have autarkic reactions enclosed within the framework of individual national normative orders. States are confronted with legal challenges which have to be seen within the emerging framework of global administrative law. These issues are a very interesting research field for an international discussion. Hence the attempt to include researchers from renowned centers, such as the Humboldt University in Berlin or the London School of Economics and Political Science. The final result of the project should encompass two scientific monographs in English and German, in which well-known researchers will depict the processes of modernization and innovation implementation in public administration both in the national and international dimension.