Looking back to the future: Public Administration in the Netherlands

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1 Introduction

Topic: State of the Art Public Administration in the Netherlands

Looking back and the future….

Also building on my involvement PA since 1990, with research on ethics and integrity, and previously on power and influence.
2 Looking back
Public Administration in the Netherlands
Establishing PA, with founding fathers
And afterwards..

‘Young professors’ of the past in PA in the Netherlands
Public Administration now and new...
So much and many new PA at many universities with many also new scholars…
Just some… sorry….
3 State of the art PA...

Dutch PA?
PA at many universities with many scholars…
PA programs, impressive number of students
PA established discipline amidst many related disciplines

WE ARE SPECIAL !!

BUT also rather diverse….

With also something missing?
Rather diverse…

Our involvement with many theories and concepts….including on network governance, regulatory governance, participatory governance, multilevel governance, meta governance, collaborative governance, emerging governance, good governance, improvising governance, resilient governance, imperfect governance, positive governance, consensus governance, self governance…
Diverse… Workshops at NIG 2019

Behavioral public administration (psychology); Good governance (ethics and values); Critical and interpretive (reflexive) public administration; Multi-level, multi-actor governance; European and security governance; Algorithmic governance; Democratic and administrative governance (reforms); New public governance (self-reliance); Multilevel local democracy and governance; Crisis governance and resilience; Energy and climate governance.

1 It is all about Governance NIG….

2 With nevertheless also something missing?
ETHICS AND POWER
Integrity and Quality of Governance in Theory and Practice
September 13, 2019
4 Questions about our agenda …

--Building on my involvement in Ethics and Integrity research, but also on previous research on power and influence.
4.1 POWER AND INFLUENCE?

Power: ability/capacity to influence

Influence: effect in accordance with own goals and interests

In decision-making

In Governance: authoritative policy making and implementation on collective problems and interests

Many types/elements…
Significance of power in theory and practice

Practice

In research??
4.2 Morals, Ethics and Integrity

- **Moral**: characteristic of right or wrong, **good or bad** (general and unavoidable)

- **Ethics**: reflection on morality (virtues, duty/norms, consequences)

- **Integrity**: behavior/process in accordance with relevant moral values, norms, rules ethics (**not** outcome).
Ethics and integrity in research

→ Attention for the topic? Normative and in empirical research?

→ ‘Integrity turn’ for many in the field; also incorporating morality

→ ‘Empirical turn’ for ethics and integrity research(ers), putting it more in context
To conclude …

Professors that leave should refrain from involvement towards the future? However…. My idea for now.

The owl in academia should wake up.

In our PA research we can and should do more on power and morals (Macht & Moraal M&M in Dutch).
thank you and now towards the future..

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