

# Public Management Research Association (PMRA) Perspectives

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# Our goals today

- Introduce Public Management Research Association and its journals
- Find connections with Revista de Administracao Publica
- Highlight key research issues we see emerging
- Start to build connections and long-term relationships in Brazil

# Public Management Research Association

- Sponsor of Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory (JPART)
- New Journal: Perspectives on Public Management & Governance (PPMG)
- Annual meeting: Public Management Research Conference (PMRC)
- Trademark: best research on public administration issues

# Origins

- Why we exist:
  - 1980s – sense of dissatisfaction with state of public administration
  - Bozeman, Rainey, Milward, Perry, Rainey
  - Need to elevate public management as a social science
  - First meeting of Public Management Research Conference in 1991
  - JPART first published in 1990

# Goal: A global association

- Madison meeting: 28% of attendees outside of US
- Majority of JPART submissions from outside US
- Workshops in Asia and Europe
- Annual meeting: US and elsewhere

# Aarhus, Denmark, June 2016



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# Perspectives on Public Management and Governance

- Mission Statement: Perspectives on Public Management & Governance is dedicated to theory development and conceptual work challenging and advancing the field of public affairs.
- PPMG will seek to develop new theories, frameworks, and conceptual models, as well as summative and critical evaluations of existing theoretical frameworks. It will welcome contributions from a variety of epistemological frameworks that can add a new perspective to public administration and governance, e.g. positivist, normative, interpretive, grounded, and critical theory. In addition to publishing new theoretical work, the journal will publish analytical reviews of literature. While the primary focus of the journal is not to test empirical work, it is hoped the work will consider concepts used in empirical work, stimulate discussion of trends, advancements, and synthesis of empirical work such as meta-analyses, and include theoretical developments that offer empirical illustrations, either quantitative or qualitative.

# Perspectives on Public Management and Governance

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# What are pressing research issues in Brazil?

- Public administration is an applied field:
  - Research issues should reflect particular challenges the state faces
- What are big questions for the state? Reflected in research?
  - Should not assume they are the same as US or Europe
- Globalization facilitates both diversity vs. hegemony
  - Global public administration means recognizing relevance of different types of questions, not hegemony