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Transnational Public Administration in the Baltic Sea region – 7,5 credits

The Academy of Public Administration at Södertörn University (Stockholm) together with the Swedish Institute offer a contract education course on Transnational Public Administration (7,5 credits) open to *civil servants* and *civil society actors working with the public sector* from the Baltic Sea region.

Transnational public administration is a daily reality for many civil servants, yet few organizations have tuned their procedures to transnational tasks effectively. Many of today's challenges do not obey national boundaries, but call forth interaction between public agencies, not only at the state level but also across national borders at various levels of public administration. The Baltic Sea region is heavily regulated both by the EU and regional actors. What happens on the Eastern shore of the Baltic Sea increasingly affects also the Southern and Western shores, and vice versa. In contemporary public administration, it is of great importance to understand and deal with these transnational tasks.

This advanced level academic course is designed for civil servants and civil society actors from all policy fields working with the public sector in Baltic Sea countries (Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia and Sweden), who face the challenges of transnational public administration in their work and wish to understand better the dynamics of both transnational policy processes and their effects upon public organizational procedures.

The course consists of theoretical modules combining the disciplines of public administration, political science, public law, business administration, and organization studies covering themes such as:

- Regionalism and the EU
- Border studies
- Legal perspectives on comparative public administration
- Transnational perspectives on environmental policy administration
- Transnational perspectives on transport policy administration
- Accounting in the context of transnational public administration
- Organizational cultures in a transnational context

Participants will also apply various perspectives from organization studies to relate the transnational dimension to their concrete work in their home organization. Lecture and seminar leaders are established scholars specializing in different aspects relevant to transnational public administration.

The course takes place at Södertörn University in Stockholm, Sweden. It is divided into three intensive 2 day (Thu-Fri) meetings (Feb 20-Feb 21, 2020, May 7–May 8, and Sept 24–Sept 25, 2020), and includes a social program and a panel with Swedish public servants, who share their experiences and insights on transnational public administration.

The Academy of Public Administration (Förvaltningsakademin) is a multidisciplinary center at Södertörn University, conducting research on public administration, offering contract education for practitioners, and works for insightful meetings between researchers and civil servants. For more information click [here](#).

The Swedish Institute (SI) is a public agency that promotes interest and trust in Sweden around the world. SI seeks to establish cooperation and lasting relations with other countries through strategic communication and exchange in the fields of culture, education, science and business. SI works closely with Swedish embassies and consulates. For more information click [here](#).

Eligibility

The eligibility to apply is based on the recommendation of the home organization of the applicant to ensure that all applicants are representatives of either a public or a civil society organization working in conjunction with a public organization. Applicants do not need to produce a certificate of previous university studies, other than stating it in their CV, but it is important to take note that this is an advanced level course with rigorous academic content. To pass the course and receive the 7.5 credits, advanced and independent academic work is required. In addition, attendance to all the sessions of the course are compulsory. *It is strongly recommended that two to three employees from the same organizations apply together in order to take the knowledge from the course back to the whole organization.*

Costs, travel arrangements and visas

The course is free of charge for the selected participants. However, all travel and lodging are to be paid and arranged independently by the participants. *In case you need a visa to enter Sweden, please contact us already by December 5, 2019, so that we can proceed your application in good time to apply for the visa.*

Admission criteria

Admission is based on a 1500 word (A4, Times 12, 1,5 line spacing) description of a case of transnational public administration the applicant is currently working on or is about to begin working with. The description should address the following points:

- What type of organization do you work for and what is your role in it?
- Describe a case of transnational public administration that is relevant to your organization and that you would want to work on during the course
- At what stage of implementation is this case?
- What do you see as the main challenges of this case? For whom? When? How?

Application procedure

The application should contain the following documents:

1. A letter of support from your employer specifying your position and why your participation in the course is relevant for your home organization
2. the description of the transnational public administration case following instructions above
3. CV of the applicant

Please submit your application [here](#) before **January 7, 2020**. Notification of admission will be announced by Monday, January 20, 2020, and the first meeting of the course will take place in February 20–February 21, 2020.

Further information

Please contact forvaltningsakademin@sh.se for further information.

Schedule*

FIRST MEETING: Feb 20 (Thu) – Feb 21 (Fri)

Day 1

- **13-14 SEM 1:** Introduction & participant case preview
- **14-14.30: Coffee**
- **14.30-16.30 SEM 2:** Regionalism and the EU
- **17: Light dinner**

Day 2

- **10-12 SEM 3:** Border studies
- **12-13: Lunch**
- **13-15 SEM 4:** Public administration - comparative legal perspectives

SECOND MEETING: May 7 (Thu) – May 8 (Fri)

Day 1

- **10-12 SEM 5a:** TPA in concrete policy (environment)
- **12-13: Lunch**
- **13-15 SEM 5b:** TPA in concrete policy (transportation)
- **15: Coffee**
- **15-18: Time to prepare presentations**
- **18: Light dinner**

Day 2

- **09.30-11.30 SEM 6:** Structural & contingency perspectives on TPA - *group presentations*
- **11.30-12.30: Lunch**
- **12.30-14.30 SEM 7:** Human resource perspectives & TPA - *group presentations*
- **14.30-15: Coffee**
- **15-17 SEM 8:** Organizations and their environments & TPA - *group presentations*

* Start and end times of each meeting are set, as well as the topics covered in each meeting. Within each meeting, the schedule might be subject to minor changes.

THIRD MEETING: Sept 24 (Thu) – Sept 25 (Fri)

Day 1

- **10-12 SEM 9:** Accounting in the context of transnational public administration
- **12-13: Lunch**
- **13-15 Panel Discussion:** Practitioners' perspectives on transnational public administration
- **15-15.30: Coffee**
- **15.30-17.30:** Presentation of course projects 1
- **17.30: Light dinner**

Day 2

- **10-12:** Presentation of course projects 2
- **12-13: Lunch**
- **13-15:** Presentation of course projects 3
- **15-15.30: Coffee**
- **15.30-17.30 SEM 10:** Organizational cultures in a transnational context
- **18: Farewell Party**