



Public Administration Theory Network (PATNet)

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

*“Multiplicity in Motion: Governance, Theory, and the Many
Worlds of Public Administration.”*

27th February 2026 – 1st March 2026

Online Conference Program

Closed session only for registered participants

Hosted by Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India

All sessions are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST).

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Friday, 27 February 2026

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM (EST)

◆ **Session I**

Ethnoracial Governance, Identity, and Democratic Participation

Chair: Felipe Blanco

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Overcoming the 'Two Contradictions': Toward an Ethnoracial Approach in Public Affairs

Arielle Weaver

Street-Level Bureaucrats and Racial Identity: A Mixed-Methods Exploration of Probation Officer Decision-Making

Ashley Nickels

Queering Participation: Reimagining Democratic Engagement in Public Administration

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM (EST)

◆ **Session II**

Liminal States and Democratic Strain

Chair: Michael W. Spicer

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Mounah Abdel-Samad

Liminality in Arab Governments: Authoritarianism, Monarchy, and Democratic Structures

Bingshun Yuan

The Accountability Paradox: How Attribution Bias Splits Public Trust in China's Governance Reform

Michael W. Spicer

Dueling Political Fictions and Public Administration and Democracy in an Era of Populism and Authoritarian Impulses

Saturday, 28 February 2026

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM (EST)

◆ **Session III**

**Digital Sovereignty, AI Governance, and the
Technological State**

Chair: Robert C. Zinke

Francisco Lopez

Structural Particle or Wave: The Theoretical Integration and Differentiation of Organizations

Robert C. Zinke

AI for a New Technological Temple State?

Galina Vissoky Schwartzman

Emotional Digital Governance: Affective and Physiological Impacts of Citizens' Trust and Perceived Performance

Josemaria Salazar

Algorithmic Borderlands: Digital Infrastructures and the Governance of Mobility

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◆ **Session IV**

Community, Crisis, and Alternative Governance Systems

Chair: Dr. Chandra Davis

Mehnaaz Momen & Peter Haruna

Webb County Community Centers: Delivering Service to Rural Texas Residents

Dr. Chandra Davis

Reimagining Governance: What Mutual Aid Networks Teach Us About Building Systems Beyond Bureaucracy

Omari Harake

Instrumentalities of Care: Rethinking Governance in Crisis

Triparna Vasavada & Yanrong Jiang

AI and the Public Sector: A Comparative Conceptual Framework for Governance in the U.S. and India

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM (EST)

◆ **Editors' Panel**

A dialogue with journal editors on publishing, theory development, and advancing scholarship in public administration.

Sunday, 1 March 2026

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09:30 AM – 11:00 AM (EST)

◆ **Session V**

Equity, Development, and Public Goods

Chair: Liran Maymoni

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*Widening the Gap: A Difference-in-Differences Analysis of Israel's 2010
Capitation Reform and Regional Health Disparities*

Archisman Bhattacharya

*Multiplicity in Motion at the Coast: Standards, Markets, and Voice in Shrimp
Governance*

Seth J. Meyer & Elizabeth Dale

Queer Philanthropy: LGBTQIA+ Giving in the US Pre- and Post-COVID

11:00 AM (EST)

◆ **Administrative Theory & Praxis (ATP) Editorial Board Meeting**

(Closed session – by invitation)

12 NOON (EST)

◆ **PATNET Board Meeting**

(Closed session – by invitation)

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