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Call for Papers

We invite you to submit your research to explore the theme of “*Bringing Research Together*” for the 26th biennial NFF Conference in Örebro. We are looking forward to receiving your submissions.

Track 7.2 - Smart & Livable Cities: Governance, Management, Leadership

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Description:

Cities as ecosystems are emerging and developing in the context of global economy and new forms of organizing in self-organized networks. In these networks, new forms of power relations and leadership, including Distributed Leadership (Uhl-Bien & Ospina) emerge. Distributed Leadership closely relates to concepts such as shared, collective, collaborative, and relational leadership emerging in the interactions of multiple actors (Uhl-Bien 2006). These Leadership models, compatible with self-organized networks, can create alternatives and new opportunities in the way administration and citizens lead and plan for livable and smart cities of today and tomorrow. The concept of Distributed Leadership takes into consideration the inherent political nature of leadership as well as the relations and distribution/s of power and influence. It can bring together top-down and / or bottom-up processes and interactions in the course of co-creating the livable and smart city and contribute to collaborative urban /public innovation (April & Oliver) and Smart and Livable City strategies.

In the search for such a combination of top-down and bottom-up processes, research has investigated how culture and creativity can raise the imaginative capability of citizens (Wåhlin et al.). Furthermore, technology, urban planning, architecture and public innovation are envisioned as intertwined practices allowing both what is self-organizing / emerging and what can be controlled. The success of co-creating projects and urban planning (Torfing & Siebers, Tsakareostou & Pogner) within and between the public sector, public institutions, public administration, political bodies, civil society and private sector seems much depending on a merger of top-down rules and bottom-up activities.

We invite empirical as well as theoretical or conceptual papers. We are especially interested in case and other studies investigating the relationship between networked digital technologies / infrastructures and urban management/ governance, and last but not least, city life (Kitchin et al.). Track papers may address, but are not limited to, research on the following themes and topics:

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Management, governance, and leadership: Urban governance, management, leadership and strategy “in action”, From New Public / Urban Management to New Public / Urban Governance?;

Innovation: Public and private innovation, Urban design, planning, co-creation, public innovation, accounting and measurement, The role of expertise and experts, consultancy and consultants;

Design and planning: (Co-) organizing urban space, co-producing sustainable and resilient city development, Values in urban environments, The role of urban social movements, The performativity of models, techniques and devices of change and continuity in the field of urban governance and planning.

Anne Pässila will conclude the track by facilitating reflection based on “visual minutes”. We shall use this experimental design to the track’s topics and goals to accelerate joint reflection and networking as well as mutual and collaborative sense making.

Keywords:

Urban Governance, Smart City, Livable City, Leadership; Citizen, Public Innovation

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Author guidelines:

Go to www.oru.se/NFF2021 for more information about how to submit a paper. The deadline for abstract submission is 30 January 2021. Full paper due: 21 June 2021.

We very much look forward to welcoming you in Örebro!

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