



**Seminar organized by the research group 'Public Administration & Management' in
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**Agency Proliferation and the Globalization of the Regulatory State.
Introducing a data set on the institutional features of regulatory agencies**

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In this seminar, Prof. Dr. Jacint Jordana will present a recent paper that measures in an innovative way and with new data the worldwide proliferation of public agencies with regulatory tasks. After the presentation there will be room for discussion and questions and answers.

Abstract of the paper that will be presented:

State structures have experienced significant transformations as globalization spread. This paper is about how to measure one major change: the worldwide proliferation of public agencies with regulatory tasks that has occurred in recent decades. Yet, it remains unclear how their configurations vary across countries and sectors, and what can be learned from these variations. To better identify them worldwide, a new dataset on the institutional features of 800 agencies in 115 countries and 17 policy sectors is introduced. The dataset contains variables from their institutional profiles, covering a broad range of formal characteristics. The variables are grouped into four blocs: regulatory responsibilities, managerial autonomy, political independence, and public accountability, to provide a tool to examine in depth the diverse faces the regulatory state has adopted along its globalization path. In doing this, we depart from the view that a single dimension does capture the actual diversity of institutional forms regulatory agencies may exhibit. We also use factor and cluster analyses to assess their various forms, and suggest a typology of agency institutional models to facilitate more precise studies on the regulatory state. Results confirm that the regulatory state shows larger variety than usually expected.

Bio of Prof.dr. Jacint Jordana

Jacint Jordana is professor of Political Science and Public Administration at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra. He is also director of the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), an inter-university research institute devoted to international studies. He has a PhD in Economics (Universitat de Barcelona, 1992). He has been visiting fellow at the Copenhagen Business School, Australian National University, Wissenschafts Zentrum Berlin, University of California (San Diego) and Konstanz University. From 2005 to 2010 he was co-chair (together with David Levi-Faur) of the ECPR standing group on Regulatory Governance. Currently, he is visiting professor at CEE, SciencesPo, Paris.



His main research area is focused to the analysis of public policies, with special emphasis being laid on regulatory policy and regulatory governance. Recent publications include articles, among others, on the diffusion of regulatory institutions, the comparative development of domestic public policies, and policy making in policy networks. His publications include the edited books "Accountability and Regulatory Governance" (Palgrave, 2014), edited with A. Bianculli and X. fernandez-Marín, and together with David Levi-Faur, "The politics of Regulation" (Edward Elgar, 2004) and "The rise of Regulatory Capitalism: The Global Diffusion of a New Order" (Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, 598, 2005). He also has worked on topics related to collective action, policy diffusion and social capital, about which he has published extensively.

Some information on the research group Public Administration and Management (PA&M)

The research group Public Administration and Management (PA&M) is a part of the Department of Political Sciences of the UA (Faculty of Social Sciences). The central research issue is how public administration systems cope with and integrate changing and partially conflicting (institutional) logics arising from their legal and political environment, administrative reform ideas and expanding interactions with private stakeholders. The research agenda of PA&M focusses on three research themes: (a) public administration and law, which studies the interaction between public law and administrative reforms; (b) public administration information and performance, which studies the use of performance information in decision making and management in public administration; (c) public administration and governance, which studies the governance and coordination of public tasks in complex multi-actor settings. The research group PA&M has about 22 members (full-time or part-time), with three professors, 4 post docs, one senior researcher and PhD's/researchers.

Some information on the JM Centre of Excellence ACTORE

ACTORE is the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence of the University of Antwerp. ACTORE stands for Antwerp Consortium on the Organization of Rulemaking and Multi-level Governance in Europe. ACTORE brings together scholars from law, public administration and political science with multidisciplinary expertise in multi-level and multi-actor organization of the EU. Two research groups are involved besides PA&M, being ACIM, the Antwerp Centre for Institutions and Multilevel Politics as well as Government and Law. <https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/rg/actore/>