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Call for Papers Small States and the 'State'

The Institute of Public Administration at Tallinn University of Technology and the journal *Halduskultuur. Administrative Culture* are hosting a small but high-level conference on Small States and the 'State' on 24-25 April 2009 in Tallinn, Estonia.

The recent global financial crisis is a clear landmark that brings the 'State' back to business. It is more obvious than ever that the role of the 'State' and in particular that of public policy and administration is key to successful development. At the same time, a number of new challenges and risks in the international economy have emerged that re-emphasize the issue of size. For example, small states have neither the financial capabilities nor the human resources to invest into cutting-edge research and development, which makes prioritization, adaptability and smart decision-making inevitable in policy design. In terms of political influence and power – of having the necessary resources to be able to negotiate supra-national policies –, size is becoming crucial for the success of small states. Tackling political and economic problems of small states is increasingly dependent on administrative capacity in its various dimensions and prerequisites, including the institutional set-up and organization, the political and policy context on all levels of government as well as the question of the role, formation and tasks of the civil service. The aim of the conference is thus to discuss specific constraints and opportunities for public administration and public policy in small states. This interdisciplinary approach is expected to improve our understanding of small states and their specific challenges in a globalized world together with specific policy implications. A keynote speech will be offered by Professor Baldur Thorhallsson, Chairman of the Centre for Small State Studies at the University of Iceland.

We are inviting papers which deal with theoretical or empirical issues of small states. Abstract proposals, no longer than 1,000 words, should be sent to Professor Tiina Randma-Liiv at tiina.randma-liiv@ttu.ee. The deadline is 15 January 2009. Full papers will be expected by 10 April 2009.

The papers presented will pass fast-track peer-review for the special issue of the journal *Halduskultuur. Administrative Culture*. The Journal is published annually by Tallinn University of Technology. It is a fully peer-reviewed interdisciplinary journal of administrative studies. *Halduskultuur. Administrative Culture* is available at EBSCO, Central and Eastern European Online Library and Google Books; and abstracted in Worldwide Political Science Abstracts, Sociological Abstracts and Social Services Abstracts. See www.halduskultuur.eu.

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