



The **Centre for European Policy Studies** and the **University of Leuven** are pleased to invite you to a **book launch event** on

Metagovernance for Sustainability A framework for implementing the SDGs

Wednesday 17 October 2018, 17:00-18:45

followed by a reception/cocktail

Online registration: <https://www.ceps.eu/events/book-launch-metagovernance-sustainability>

Venue: Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), 1 Place du Congrès, 1000 Brussels

Welcome/opening: Prof. Dr Andrea Renda (CEPS)



Moderator:

Prof. Dr Geert Bouckaert, University of Leuven, President of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS); vice chair UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA)



Introduction:

Dr Louis Meuleman, author of 'Metagovernance for Sustainability'; vice chair UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA); European Commission; visiting professor University of Leuven; Univ. Massachusetts & Wageningen

Panel: Rethinking governance - the evidence base



Prof. Dr Andrea Renda

Head of Global Governance, Regulation, Innovation and the Digital Economy, Centre for European policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels



Prof. Dr Roeland in 't Veld

Emeritus professor University of Tilburg, co-founder Netherlands School for Public Administration



Dr Ebba Dohlman

Head of Unit Policy Coherence, OECD, Paris



Mr Saïd El Khadraoui

Adviser sustainable development, European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC), European Commission



Dr Ingeborg Niestroy

International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), PublicStrategy for Sustainable Development (ps4sd), Brussels

Panel: Implementing the SDGs in practice



Mr Daniel Calleja Crespo,

Director-General Environment, European Commission



Ms Helena Braun

Member of the Cabinet of First Vice-President Frans Timmermans, European Commission



Mr Daniele Dotto

Head of Unit Governance and public administration, Structural Reform Support Service, European Commission



Mr Karl Falkenberg

Author of 'Sustainability Now!' (EPSC 2016), Member Internat. Peer Review German Sustainability Strategy, former Director-General Environment, European Commission



Mr David Le Blanc

Chief Institutions for Sustainable Development Goals Branch, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, New York

Metagovernance for Sustainability

A framework for implementing the SDGs

The book "Metagovernance for Sustainability" tests the hypothesis that the implementation of sustainable development, and in particular the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), requires tailor-made metagovernance or 'governance of governance'. This is necessary to develop effective governance and high quality and inclusive public administration, and to foster policy and institutional coherence to support implementing the SDGs.

Based on the growing literature on governance and metagovernance, and taking into account the specificities of societal factors such as different values and traditions in different countries, the book presents a framework for the design and management of SDG implementation. It shows how hierarchical, network and market governance styles can be combined and how governance failure can be prevented or dealt with.

The book presents an overview of fifty 'shades of governance', which differ for each governance style, and a sketch of a concrete method to apply sustainability metagovernance. *Metagovernance for Sustainability* is relevant to academic and practitioner fields across many disciplines and problem areas.

Metagovernance is a way to improve the effectiveness of governance, by combining ideas from hierarchical, network and market styles of governance, tailored to a specific situation.

The **Sustainable Development Goals** are a global framework to facilitate the transition to sustainable societies, with concrete targets to 2030. All UN member countries and the EU have signed up to the SDGs in 2015.

Web page Routledge: <https://www.routledge.com/Metagovernance-for-Sustainability-A-Framework-for-Implementing-the-Sustainable/Meuleman/p/book/9780815370161>

Download preview (incl. Foreword and Chapter 1): <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/9781351250597>

Book reviews

"As a pioneering theorist and experienced practitioner, Meuleman is well-qualified to write this timely study of metagovernance. He presents complex ideas clearly, explores diverse forms of metagovernance, and illustrates their implications for dealing with the wicked problems involved in achieving sustainable development. This is both a theoretical masterpiece and practical handbook."

Prof. Bob Jessop, Lancaster University, UK

"To realize the 17 SDGs by 2030, it will be necessary to have effectiveness, accountability, and inclusion as key principles for its governance. These principles of governance, as endorsed by the ECOSOC Council, are necessary but not sufficient. Meuleman's book proves that 'metagovernance' of hierarchical, network and market governance will be indispensable. There are many books on SDGs, but this is a 'metabook' which will inspire and guide all those responsible for and studying the SDGs."

Prof. Geert Bouckaert, KU Leuven, President of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences

"As a former Minister of Public Service and Administration of South Africa, I concur with Meuleman's emphasis on the importance of governance to be designed and managed within its cultural and historical context. We said this two decades, and more, ago and it is still a reality. I would argue that this book is an important read for every practitioner from developing and developed countries alike."

Geraldine J Fraser-Moleketi, Chair of the Seventeenth Session of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration, Chancellor of the Nelson Mandela University, Port Elisabeth, South Africa

"Metagovernance is an underplayed but critical element in understanding and addressing complex and 'wicked' policy problems like the sustainable development goals. This book will become the core text in this area and the marriage of theoretical understanding and practical experience offered makes this book valuable for academics and practitioners alike."

Prof. Paul Jackson, International Development Department, University of Birmingham, UK

"We need well-designed, inclusive governance to implement the Sustainable Development Goals. What makes this book a must-read is the emphasis on how to get to differentiated governance for the SDGs in different cultures and traditions. Governments, civil society and business need each other to achieve sustainability, but the road to success is not paved with blueprints."

Prof. Günther Bachmann, General Secretary, German Council for Sustainable Development, Berlin, Germany.

"Louis Meuleman combines the insights of complex governance theory with his thoroughly reflected empirical evidence as a policy maker. The result is a book that is a must for those who strive for enhanced professionalism in governance for sustainable development."

Prof. Roeland J. in 't Veld, emeritus professor governance and sustainability, Tilburg University, Netherlands