

A Note to Our Readers

Dear readers of Public Note,

Since its founding in 2016, Public Note has strived to ensure young excellent students can share their research and findings with the broader community of academics and practitioners. In this way, we want to enable students to improve on their writing skills while taking their first steps in the world of academic publishing. At the same time, we aim to reach academics, practitioners and others with the interesting studies young researchers engage in and the fascinating findings they present.

Public Note is growing and becoming more diverse in terms of topics and disciplines. Indeed, the 9th edition of Public Note is filled with articles on various topics, covering multiple disciplines. Wallagh (2022, p. 9) considers the way in which we can use the thinking of Pierre Bourdieu, a famous sociologist, on capital to understand processes of ghettoization, and Overduin, Polder, Scharpff, Duiven and Voorendt (2022, p. 32) focus on public administrative issues by discussing how executive agencies can transparently report on their decisions and the challenges they face. Hazenoot-Hoorn (2022, p. 27), applies a philosophical perspective in examining how the treatment of people with chronic diseases can be improved through including reflective spaces. Safadi (2022, p. 4) discusses, through a political lens, how Austrian democracy can become more representative of its people by implementing a form of direct democracy. Huijgen (2022, p. 22) writes from a feminist perspective about the sexism women still encounter throughout their lives. Finally, Vorbau (2022, p. 37) considers the inclusion of people suffering from Parkinson's Disease, focusing on socioeconomic as well as psychological consequences for patients.

The diversity in the range of topics and disciplines we encounter in our work as editors challenges us to look beyond the boundaries of our own fields. As such, we have engaged reviewers from various academic disciplines, including public administrators, political scientists, philosophers, and practitioners from the public sector. In addition, we are also expanding our editorial board, strengthening our core with people from various universities and social science disciplines. In this way, we constantly aim to rejuvenate our board, allowing for the inflow of new ideas, perspectives and expertise.

The articles in this issue broadened our view and knowledge of the various topics discussed. We have enjoyed supporting authors in their writing and reviewing their articles, together with the collaboration from our reviewers, advisors, and our partner the Netherlands Institute of Governance (NIG). We hope that the articles bring similar enjoyment to you, our readers, and also help to broaden your horizon.

Sincerely,

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