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The *JCPA/ICPA-Forum* invites your institution, to join over 30 other institutional members involved in our International Institutional Sponsorship Program. We are offering this opportunity to those institutions at the forefront of the field in order to further the dialogue on comparative policy analytic studies and their dissemination. Needless to emphasize the importance of comparative policy studies for Programs that wish to promote international initiatives and perspectives.

The International Comparative Policy Analysis (ICPA)-Forum Network has been initiated as a tool to advance the comparative mission of the *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis (JCPA)* and facilitate the dialogue among scholars in the field. *Its primary aim is to stimulate the intellectual development of comparative policy studies and the growth of an international community of scholars.*

The ICPA-Forum sponsors annual workshops on comparative policy analysis and public affairs. Peer reviewed workshops proceedings are disseminated through publication in special JCPA issues. The **4th JCPA/ICPA-Forum Workshop** was recently held at Yale University. It brought together scholars from over a dozen countries in order to (1) workshop papers for the upcoming Special Issue on Healthcare Policies and to (2) enhance considerations to inform the incoming US Administration on the best avenues for US healthcare reform. Previously we held similar workshops at IEA, Paris, resulting in a special issue on the Methodology of Comparative Policy Analysis (ed. Monika Steffen, Grenoble University); in Vancouver at Simon Fraser University and University of Victoria, resulting in a special issue on Implementation (ed. Evert Linquist, UVic); and at the Australian National University, Canberra (sponsors John Wanna ANU and Claudia Scott, Wellington University, NZ).

The ICPA-Forum sponsors comparative policy analysis panels at leading conferences such as APPAM, and as from 2007 will be awarding a Prize for the Best Comparative Paper at an APPAM research conference. The *ICPA-Forum* also encourages the involvement of graduate students in the comparative policy analysis exchanges and in publications and will offer an annual Prize for the Best Article Written by a Student. Please see www.jcpa.ca/icpaf/

The *ICPA-Forum* encourages comparative international research and authorship collaboration. For instance, the 2006 Best JCPA Article Award was offered for the collaboration of Ted Marmor, Yale University, Kieke Okama, NYU, and Richard Freeman, University of Edinburgh. An international research consortium on policy and culture is in the process of starting its work.

The *JCPA*, around whose mission statement the ICPA-Forum was founded, is the only explicitly comparative Journal of policy analysis. It invites manuscripts that address public policy analysis and related topics in public affairs, administration, and management in this unique manner.

The *JCPA* gives priority to comparative studies that (1) contribute to comparative theory development, (2) present theory-based empirical research, (3) offer comparative evaluations of research methods, (4) derive the practice implications of theory-based research, (5) use conceptual heuristics to interpret practice, (6) draw lessons based on circumstances in which the domains compared have certain manipulable policy, program, or institutional variables in common.

The *JCPA* encourages comparative dialogues in a variety of policy disciplines as diverse as, for instance, immigration, health care, environmental protection, education, security, human rights, technology transfer, public finance and budgeting, administrative reform, performance measurement, and others. As from 2006, two new sections of the *JCPA* feature Comparative Public Policy Statistics and Policy Innovations. The *JCPA* was founded in 1997. It is published in English, four times a year and offers two special issues per volume. All manuscripts are subject to a strict double blind referee procedure and the review of the Advisory Board. The Editorial Board includes leading scholars from North and South America, Europe, Australia, and South East Asia (visit www.jcpa.ca).

The International Institutional Sponsorship Program requests a four years commitment and offers two types of sponsorship: silver and gold at \$500 and \$1000 per year, respectively. The sponsorship will support JCPA/ICPA-Forum related activities and allow to initiate annual workshops around comparative policy studies, offer guest lectures, provide best article awards, sponsor comparative panels, and comparative research initiatives, as well as other initiatives suggested by Forum members.

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Should you be interested to become an institutional sponsoring member, please forward to us a signed silver or gold letter of agreement. If you have any questions concerning the *JCPA* or the *ICPA-Forum*, please feel free to contact me directly at igevamay@sfu.ca or scdrake@sfu.ca.

I look forward to collaborating with you and your institution on this initiative.

Kind Regards,

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