

## COMMENT FROM THE EDITORS OF IPMR

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The articles in this issue are intended to be of interest to both academics and practitioners. The issue is comprised of articles on a variety of what we believe are intriguing public management and policy topics. In the first article in the issue is by Steven Kelman on why the field of public management needs help from his perspective. His view is that more of the knowledge from the very long (e.g., Fayol at the end of the 19th century) and deep organizational behavior literature should be incorporated into public management research. Dr. Kelman is Albert J. Weatherhead III and Richard W. Weatherhead Professor of Public Management in the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and the editor of our sister IPMN publication the International Public Management Journal.

The piece following Kelman's is the transcription of a speech delivered by Michael Barzelay to the Curso de Verano del Escorial, Spain on July 25, 2005 titled "Intelligent Administration: Productivity, Transparency and Management of Change," that is published with only minor editorial format changes.

The third article in this issue is by Hilton L. Root titled, "Opening the Doors of Invention: Institutions, Technology and Developing Nations." Root emphasizes lessons from experience in the Asia and Pacific region. This piece is followed by Clay Wescott's article, "Harnessing Knowledge Exchange Among Professionals." This topic is compatible with the core purpose of IPMN (knowledge exchange) and Wescott provides a special perspective through the lens of diaspora relative to knowledge transfer in the Asia and the Pacific region. The fifth article in this issue is on Mexico's Professional Career Service Law relative to issues of governance, political culture and public sector reform by Donald E. Klingner and David Arellano Gault. We wish to note that recently Donald Klingner was elected President of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). David Arellano Gault is a quite well known international scholar who works at the Centro de Investigaciones y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) in Mexico. Natalie Webb and James Blandin then provide an inventive and insightful argument on how to evaluate executive performance in the public sector. This is followed by Abraham Carmeli's analysis, based on case study work in Israeli local governments that is titled, "How Fiscally Distressed Local Government Authorities Can Create Public Value."

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We hope you enjoy reading the articles in this issue and that you consider submitting your work to IPMR at [ipmnet@aol.com](mailto:ipmnet@aol.com) for publication consideration. Additionally, we encourage you to refer your colleagues and students to IPMR. We hope that articles published in IPMR will find use in the workplace and classroom.

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