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EDITORIAL

The challenge of conveying the local voice through municipal associations

The academic literature has taken a keen interest in the relatively recent emergence of networks of cities or municipalities. It associates them with spaces that promote the arrival of innovations in local governments. ICLEI, Covenant of Mayors or Eurocities are just a few examples of the myriad of existing and international networks. However, the practice of local authorities joining forces has a long history and goes far beyond these “new” networking structures. The first associations of municipalities date back to the 19th century and have represented local entities for decades in an established and consistent way. We know them as rather unified structures, designed to represent all municipalities within a territory, be it a province, a state or a country.

FEMP in Spain, SALGA in South Africa or FAM in Argentina are examples of current associations bringing together municipalities from across the country. AMO in Ontario, Canada, is an example of an association of municipalities in a Canadian province. There are countless others. They exist in most countries, but with different characteristics. Sometimes they are more influential and active, sometimes less so. Sometimes they are granted a privileged position in intergovernmental conferences, in other occasions they are not. Sometimes associations bring together all municipalities with different political parties in government. Sometimes we find an overlap of two or more associations in an area, each of which includes only municipalities governed by the same political party.

Advocacy is at the core of their functions. They represent the common interests of municipalities, promote the exchange of experiences among them, and advise national and regional governments on the draft laws and regulations affecting local interests. However, there is much less research into these traditional structures than there is into the newer, fancy networks. And yet there are good reasons to increase our knowledge of local government associations, particularly for the role they are called upon to play in intergovernmental relations systems. The LoGov project has begun to fill this gap in the academic literature (more details [here](#)).

Municipal associations are essential structures to look at if we want to understand how collective action is exercised by local governments. They are in the best position to channeling the local voice to other levels of government and lobbying them to try to meet local demands. They do so in a number of ways. Formally, when they are given a seat at the table in institutionalized structures that deal with issues or reforms that affect local interests, such as intergovernmental conferences. Informally, by trying to gain access to higher-level decision-making through other channels, such as informal contacts, party political networks, dual mandate holding, etc.

The comparative empirical knowledge of local government associations that we have started to produce allows us to answer relevant questions in areas that remain infra-explored. Questions about their degree of in-

fluence and access, the dynamics among members, the strategies they use to work together to achieve a common goal or address a common problem, the mechanisms or channels they use to interact with other levels of government, the effectiveness of each mechanism, and many more. And more specifically, in relation to the issues covered by the LoGov project, we are going to benefit greatly from knowing more about the interplay between rural and urban municipalities when they work together in associations. We already know that associations often face significant internal divisions, such as those between small towns and major cities or between municipalities in metropolitan areas and those in regions in peripheral areas, to name a few of many. For example, rural municipalities may be interested in different policy areas for collective action than cities or may have a different position on a particular issue. And when this is the case, municipal associations confront a mismatch between rural and urban interests when engaging in representative functions in intergovernmental conferences or when lobbying other governments. In those cases, the dominance of the urban (or rural) interests do not seem to be the fairest response. The question seems to be how they deal with this challenge in order to ultimately convey the “local voice” to the outside world. We have already seen some answers. The emergence of separate urban and rural associations in a territory, the inclusion of rural caucuses in the association structure or the activation of working groups on specific issues (mainly rural issues) are some of them. Further research will tell us more about this challenge and how effectively associations are meeting it.

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Our LoGov 2023/2024 in a nutshell





From Germany to Singapore

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During the months of March and April 2024, I had the privilege of being a secondee at the Centre for Asian Legal Studies (CALs) at the National University of Singapore (NUS). The CALs brings together different research fields of law: comparative civil law, comparative commercial law, comparative public law, international law in Asia and law and religion in Asia. I profited immensely from the variety of legal perspectives concentrated at the Centre.

Upon my arrival at the CALs, I was very warmly welcomed by the Administration team and introduced to the methods of legal research in Singapore. Coming from Germany, a civil law country, the common law basis in Singapore offered a great opportunity to delve into a completely different legal system. The CALs cooperates with many researchers from different countries, and I was grateful to attend some seminars and roundtable discussions. All of my colleagues at

CALs were very helpful and kindly provided me with useful insights regarding my research. Also, helpful details and context about Singapore in general. The cherry on top of my secondee experience at NUS Law was the nearby Botanic Gardens, which were declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. While commuting to the CALs, my morning walks were sometimes sweetened by a small turtle passing my way or signs indicating that there might be otters ahead.

Working on WP5 “People’s participation in local decision-making”, I was particularly interested in Singapore’s approach to diversity and their public legal architecture to include minorities and different ethnic groups into public decision-making-processes. With regard to this, Singapore is a very interesting and inspiring example. The inclusion of ethnic minorities has played a key role in Singapore’s legal and political design since its independence in 1965. Singapore’s proactive





approach on this topic was very visible on campus at the NUS and in many aspects of daily life. During my stay it was the time of Ramadan and in the city there were many Ramadan decorations and big banners wishing everyone a blessed Feast of Ramadan. In Kampong Glam, the Muslim Quarter in Singapore, many people of very different backgrounds gathered to celebrate Fast Breaking at sunset and I will never forget the contagious joy and lively music that filled the streets. From Little India to China Town, from the great variety of food offered

in the famous Hawker Centers to the four official languages of Singapore, I was very impressed by Singapore's melting pot of cultures and traditions.

I am deeply grateful to everyone at CALS and within the LoGov project for this rewarding experience, both from a personal and professional perspective.



CLT Roundtable
"When Women's Rights are Not Human Rights – the Non- Performativity of the Human Rights of Victims of Domestic Abuse within English Family Law" by Professor Shazia Choudhry
12 March 2024



From Ethiopia to Austria

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My three-month visit to Vienna as a seconded researcher on the LoGov project was an invaluable opportunity to observe local government in Austria and to compare with the Ethiopian context. During my stay, I further developed my study, “Autonomy of Local Governments in Federal Systems: The Case of Ethiopia,” which contributes to the LoGov - Local Government and the Changing Urban-Rural Interplay project. I participated in workshops, seminars, and training activities hosted by the KDZ Zentrum für Verwaltungsforschung (English: Centre for Public Administration Research), which were excellent occasions for enriching my professional competencies and deepening my understanding of the European context. I also had the chance to observe local government proceedings and to discuss my impressions with established professionals and topic experts in the city—a truly wonderful experience that characterized one of my most fruitful research trips yet.

The generous hospitality of the Centre’s staff, including Thomas Prorok, Alexandra Schantl, Miriam Taumberger, Dalilah Pichler and others, quickly made Vienna feel like a second home. I used the convenient

public transportation system to explore the elegant capital city and its surroundings and was struck by the robustness and diversity of the cultural infrastructure: various forms of entertainment and recreational centres, beautiful architecture, and charming public squares. As a result, I observed that the city of Vienna, and Austria in general, is among the most suitable places to live. Recently, and for the third consecutive year, The Economist recognized Vienna as the top-ranked city among 173 international urban areas in its “City Liveability Index” for its stability, healthcare, educational opportunities, and culture. I concur, adding a note about the genuine peacefulness of the Austrian people which contributed to my enjoyable stay.

In my study, I synthesized comparisons of local governments in federal systems. Focusing on the case of Ethiopia, I wrote about the recognition and legal provision afforded to local governments in Ethiopia through the constitution. Ethiopia’s federal system was introduced after 1991 with the objectives of accommodating all sorts of diversities, strengthening democracy and alleviating poverty. As a result, regional states and city administrations were organized during





the first phase of decentralization (1991-2000). Later, decentralization was further extended to local levels after 2001 where self-governing autonomous local governments were established nationwide. Their purposes were guaranteeing the constitutionally recognized self-government rights for NNP and democratizing the state to bring sustainable development.

Notwithstanding their powers and responsibilities entrusted under the sub-national constitutions and other legislations, local governments in Ethiopia are not to the level that they are normally expected. Their autonomy is highly restricted where upward accountability to the ruling party is common practice than accountability to the electorate. The financial arrangements also show a high degree of hierarchical control which exposes local governments to political control from above. In a nutshell, local governments remain mere subordinates and administrative agents of the upper level of government and hence lack the necessary autonomy in the decision-making process. Through

stimulating discussion and further analysis, I was reminded that we shouldn't also forget that a constitution is a collection of words that cannot by itself guarantee the autonomous existence and the realization of the purposes of local government. What matters more is the political practice on the ground.

Overall, I am sincerely grateful for my stay in Vienna. It was both academically enriching, giving ample opportunity to sharpen my research skills and to enrich my understanding of local government, and a personally delightful experience. I look forward to returning and reconnecting with my colleagues in the future!



From Policy to Practice: Multi-Stakeholder Governance for Sustainable Rural Tourism – A Case Study of Spain’s Model and its Applicability in South Africa

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I was honoured to serve as a LoGov secondee for four weeks at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM). It was truly a unique opportunity, and one of the most stimulating experiences so far in my career working in local government. The vibrant city of Madrid presented me with numerous cultural experiences and served as a contrast to my home country, which was both personally and professionally enriching. At IDL-UAM, I was warmly welcomed by Professor Carmen Navarro Gomez and her team, our partners in the LoGov project. They generously provided all the necessary tools and research materials, and, most importantly, interview access in order to carry out my research on the governance structures that underpin rural tourism in Spain.

During my secondment at UAM, I had the opportunity to concentrate and expand my research on the rural tourism industry in Spain. Specifically, I focused on the governance that supports the growth and

development of this sector. I acquired knowledge about the Rural Development Network, particularly the organizational structure of the LEADER programme, which involves strong community engagement through local action groups. The program offers funding and expert management to aid in the execution of specific projects as identified by the Local Action Groups (LAGs) and in alignment with local development strategies. The program primarily focuses on rural development, while another initiative, the DDM One Plan, incorporates both rural and urban constituencies. The DDM One Plan, for example, provides a resource allocation framework to guide the dispersal of resources across diverse areas and priorities within a district. This provides a wider development framework but does not secure funding for specific, community-driven projects.

I also observed methods for stakeholder involvement employed by the LEADER program. They use a bottom-up approach, empowering local





communities to take the lead and involve multiple stakeholders. The DDM One Plan also adopts a multi-stakeholder approach, combining government participation with other stakeholders. In the DDM One Plan, a top-down approach is employed, whereby the three spheres of government are entrusted with coordinating and integrating development plans and budgets. Furthermore, they are tasked with mobilising the capacity and resources of both government and civil society, encompassing business, labour, and the community, to pursue inclusive growth and job creation.

The assistance extended to these local action groups encompasses interactions between different levels of government. I found the contrast between this approach and the structures in South Africa particularly intriguing, especially with the current utilization of the District Development Model – One Plan. I am thankful for the opportunity to conduct research in Madrid and for the hospitality of the UAM hosts.





From Switzerland to Australia

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From mid-September to mid-November 2023, I was a secondee at the Institute for Public Policy and Governance (IPPG) at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), Australia. I opted to travel to Australia since it is a federal country of enormous proportions – the diversity of localized governance across cities and regions allowed me to observe geographically and demographically heterogeneous areas. The distances are so great, and the population relatively small, that local and subnational governments are comfortable with differences developing between them.

At the UTS library, I was able to consult literature on human rights and equality in multilayered systems, from the highest international to the lowest local level. I wanted to delve into the relation between federalism and decentralization on the one hand, and equality on the other. In Sydney, I learned, amongst others, about the Australian housing market, which is currently in crisis, and how tenants' levels of legal protection vary depending on where in Australia they are renting. I am interested in better understanding and evaluating rights protection in multilayered systems like Australia, and to balance federal advantages and disadvantages. There is currently no satisfactory legal framework in this regard, and results can seem arbitrary. My research stay at the University of Technology allowed me to start thinking about such a

legal framework and what is missing. Thanks to LoGov, I was able to initiate a proposal for a more comprehensive legal framework concerning multilevel rights protection. I hope that with this I can substantially contribute to the debate from both a human rights and from a federalism perspective. Indeed, I am currently finalizing an article based on my research at the IPPG.

I am very grateful to our Institute of Federalism and to the IPPG for making this experience possible. I would also like to extend my gratitude to Eurac Research for administering the LoGov project and, in doing so, for facilitating the secondees and their secondments. I specifically would like to thank the UTS staff for making me feel welcome, and fellow LoGov-secondees Patrick and Vijitha for the nice chats at the office and over lunch. It was a great period for me, as I did not only get to spend time to do actual research – something that is not always evident because of daily preoccupations – but was also able to explore the lively city of Sydney, the Australian wildlife on the beaches and in the mountains, and Australia at large before and after my secondment. Running through the city parks, reading on the beach, or ordering my daily flat white and almond croissant – I felt very lucky.





EVENTS

LoGov Final Conference: Local Government and the Changing Urban-Rural Interplay

The Final Conference of the LoGov project “Local Government and the Changing Urban-Rural Interplay” took place on 12 and 13 September 2024 and was hosted by the LoGov partner KDZ – Centre for Public Administration Research in Vienna, Austria. The main objective of the conference was to engage with local government practitioners in sharing and discussing knowledge generated through project activities.

There were 54 participants in total, equally distributed across scholars and practitioners. 24 participants from beyond the LoGov consortium shared their experiences with the project network. The conference benefited from the active involvement of participants from as many as 20 countries, spanning six continents. During the

plenary sessions, experts provided comparative insights into a diversity of topics, including public participation in local development, the role of local government associations, metropolitan governance practices, public-private partnerships and local public transport. These sessions were complemented by in-depth workshops on country-specific practices in these policy areas, and rounded off by a roundtable discussion with local practitioners on how the urban-rural interplay can contribute to sustainable development.

Beyond its role in spanning the nexus from research to practice, the conference provided a cherished opportunity for the LoGov network to come together during the final phase of the project and to discuss possibilities of staying connected beyond the end of LoGov.





Seminars

All LoGov secondees held presentations on local government in their home countries and gained knowledge about their host countries.





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