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PSG 16. Welfare State Governance and Professionalism

Date: Wednesday, 26/Aug/2026		
11 am –13:00am	Session 1 Chair: Tanja Klenk	
	AI as Street Level Bureaucrats' Identity Encounter: Emotional Orientations and Identity Positioning in Street-Level Social Work <i>Levitats, Zehavit; Pitowsky-Nave, Noga</i>	Discussant <i>Kis, Norbert</i>
	From Discretionary Space to Subjective Action: Reconceptualizing the Practice of Social Workers in Street-Level Bureaucracy □ <i>OH, Seolchae</i>	Discussant <i>Levitats, Zehavit; Pitowsky-Nave, Noga</i>
	'Nothing to Fear About': Street-Level Bureaucrats' Experiences of Fear in Public Sector Organizations <i>Lahat, Lihi; Levitats, Zehavit</i>	Discussant <i>OH, Seolchae</i>
	When Welfare Governance Fails: Institutional Abuse and Supervisory Deficits in the Hungarian Child Protection System <i>Kis, Norbert</i>	Discussant <i>Lahat, Lihi; Levitats, Zehavit</i>
1:00pm	Lunch break	
2:00pm - 3:30pm	Session 2 Chair: Karsten Vrangbaek	
	Conceptualizing and Measuring Constraints on Government Policymaking <i>LUNDSTEDT, Martin</i>	Discussant <i>SØRENSEN, Peter</i>
	The anatomy of regime trust: unpacking the perceptual foundations of regulatory quality <i>WILLEMS, Cassandra</i>	Discussant <i>LUNDSTEDT, Martin</i>
	Determinants of well-being in public management: An integrative literature review <i>SØRENSEN, Peter</i>	Discussant <i>WILLEMS, Cassandra</i>

3:30pm - 4:00pm	Coffee break	
4:00pm - 6:00pm	Session 3 Chair: Tanja Klenk	
	Evaluation of the new Danish health councils <i>Vrangbaek, Karsten</i>	Discussant <i>Nordling, Nadja; LEPONIEMI, Ulrika Johanna</i>
	Implementing AI in Welfare Administrations: Between Deliberate Implementation and Uncontrolled Spillover <i>Graefe, Philipp; Bogumil, Jörg</i>	Discussant <i>Kizel, Ben; Cohen, Nissim</i>
	Public Service Motivation Among Employees with Autism <i>Kizel, Ben; Cohen, Nissim</i>	Discussant Mozzoni, Alice; Bandini, Federica
	Hybrid by Necessity: A Configurational Framework for Governing Complex Social Services Mozzoni, Alice; Bandini, Federica	Discussant <i>Graefe, Philipp; Bogumil, Jörg</i>
	Universities in Transformative Innovation Policy: An Empirical Analysis of Welfare System Reform in Finland <i>Nordling, Nadja; LEPONIEMI, Ulrika Johanna</i>	Discussant <i>Vrangbaek, Karsten</i>