Special Issue

Towards a New Research of Public Service Motivation

Message from the Guest Editors

The topic of work motivation in the private sector has been largely studied, whereas the literature on motivation in the public sector has been often criticized to be theoretically and empirically less developed. This Special Issue is meant to address both individual characteristics and structural, institutional and organizational factors that help develop our understanding of in what context-where, when and how - Public Service Motivation (PSM) finds favorable ground to be recognized and developed in order that it can actually "make a difference". This Special Issue welcomes papers from scholars with diverse backgrounds eager to contribute to the development of an inter-disciplinary research agenda to investigate work motivation in public organizations in different social, cultural, political and economic contexts (Forte et al., 2022, Vandenabeele et al., 2018).

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