

## Call for Papers

### Symposium on “Politics, Administration and the Problem of Political Failure”

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Government reforms worldwide seek to improve the quality of governance, but many of these efforts have been unsuccessful. These failures are often political, not bureaucratic, but little attention has been paid to the underlying political causes that detrimentally limit administrative performance. Examples of politically driven policy failure include ambiguous and contradictory goals, lack of resources, and limited bureaucratic autonomy in implementation. When political institutions fail to provide clear goals and sufficient support, how does a rational bureaucracy respond to these problems? Does bureaucratic reaction vary depending on the political regime or political power structure? What role does bureaucratic capacity play in this process – do high-capacity bureaucracies react differently from low-capacity bureaucracies? What are the consequences of how bureaucracies respond? This symposium seeks to address these questions by connecting public administration theory with political science literature on bureaucracy. We are interested in studies of individual countries that address these issues in an effort to contribute to understanding the relationship between politics and administration in the 21st century.

To propose a paper for the symposium, please send a detailed abstract to [kmeier@american.edu](mailto:kmeier@american.edu) and [kjps@snu.ac.kr](mailto:kjps@snu.ac.kr) by March 1, 2021. Plans for the symposium are to have full papers submitted to KJPS by July 1, 2021 for review with scheduled publication in December 2021.

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