Multi-Level Governance Symposium
Partnering to drive theory and practice

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Official Welcome

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Introduction

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Introduction

“Multi-Level Governance” concept history
Multi-Level Governance definitions

“a system of continuous negotiation among nested governments at several territorial tiers” – Marks (1993)

→ Vertical dimension

“authority is not only dispersed upwards and downwards, but sideways across different sectors and spheres including states, markets and civil society”

→ Horizontal dimension
Multi-level governance for reconceptualisation?

Transnational
Nation state
State
Regional
Community
Individuals

Example: Bypassing states

Some possible “shapes” of engagement in multi-level governance processes

- NGOs, businesses, scientific experts act at many levels

Daniell et al. (2009)
Multi-level governance for reconceptualisation

- Complementarity of multi-level governance and federalism?
- Interaction of informal arrangements and formal structures
- Policy networks of public and private actors

Problem solving capacity & trust $\leftrightarrow$ legal accountability?

“Command and control” $\leftrightarrow$ “enabling” governance?
Multi-level governance and the hunt for improved joint decision-making mechanisms

• Top-down authority mechanisms
• High trust networks
• Institutional Innovations
• …?
Understanding multi-level governance systems: Today’s themes

Investigating to what extent specific systems can encourage
• Improved governing capacity
• Accountability and democracy
• Policy innovation and problem solving capacity
• Effective implementation, evaluation and learning
Programme

Theme 1: Health and Wellbeing
MORNING TEA
Theme 2: Finance and Accountability
Theme 3: Water Planning and Climate Adaptation
LUNCH
Theme 4: Sustainable Settlements
Open Forum: Insights for Research and Practice

AFTERNOON TEA and migration to University House
Symposium Objectives

• Reflect on multi-level governance experiences
• Share insights across levels, sectors and disciplines
• Identify key challenges
• Propose constructive ways forward

Network as a first step to future collaborative work
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Symposium “rules of the game”

• Time is limited – speakers 10 min / panellists 3 min
• Keep all insights in discussions succinct and accessible
• If you have a burning thought – write it down
• Be constructive, collaborative and creative
Introduction of our chairs

Dr Mark Matthews
FEAST / Centre for Policy Innovation, ANU

Jamie Pittock
WWF / Fenner School of Environment and Society, ANU
Theme 1: Health and Wellbeing
(9.50-10.40am)

Paul Dugdale: Multi-level Governing in the Australian Health Care System

Anthony Hogan: Mental Health in Rural Australia

Panellists:
Adam Graycar
Leanne Leihn
Kevin White
Theme 2: Finance and Accountability
(11.00-11.50am)

David Rosalky: Inter-Governmental Fiscal Relations
Adrian Kay: Open Method of Coordination

Panellists:
Dominic English
Richard Mulgan
Grahame Cook
Evert Lindquist
Theme 3: Water Planning and Climate Adaptation (11.50am-12.40pm)

Andrew Ross: Multi-Level Water Governance in the Murray-Darling Basin and the Western USA

KatherineDaniell: Participatory Risk Management Practice in Australia and Bulgaria

Panellists:

Quentin Grafton
Neil Gunningham
Theme 4: Sustainable Settlements
(1.40-2.30pm)

Patrick Paynter & Catherine Keirnan: Designing Sustainable Urban Forms

Barbara Norman: Challenges of Population Growth and Settlement

Panellists:
Kathryn Bellette
Sarah Ryan
Haley Jones
Carolyn Hendriks
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Open Forum: Insights for Research and Practice (2.30-3.25pm)

*Discussants*
John Uhr
David Marsh
Daniel Connell
John Wanna
Conclusions

“Multi-Level Governance” has a future in Australia

Key emerging agendas:

• Design and management of multi-level governance systems
• Leadership and influence mechanisms
• Freedom for corruption?
• Need for adapted accountability systems
• Institutionalisation paradoxes
• Technologies to aid democracy and collaboration
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The Future:

• Summary document of proceedings
• Development of new projects
  • Edited book proposal?
  • Based on common interests in your new networks...
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