CALL FOR BOOK CHAPTERS
Extreme Radical Public Administrative Responses to Crime and Justice: Looking Outside of the Box

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Introduction

This edited book is an exploration of gaps found within the scholarly landscape of crime, justice and Public Administration (PA) based on fiery expressions of Extreme Radical Public Administration (ERPA). Extreme radicalism denotes a new movement to breach intellectual gulches and the liberation of Public Administration from the ordinariness of its contemporaneousness. ERPA champions the need for scholarly imaginativeness, polymorphic dimensionality as well as artistic experimental pragmatism in PA inquiries of the experienced natural world. Foremost, as a literary demonstration, this work is intended to be a catalyst for future endeavors in ERPA. We intend for this work to showcase scrappy and ambitious, authors, who do not fit within the bounds of the mainstream PA discipline. Scholars that really want to develop a real originality and inventiveness to Public Administrative initiatives and confront the realms of crime and justice.

Objective

Currently, Public Administration, as a whole, does not inspire really ‘forward facing’ advancements or true intellectualism to its discipline, field or the natural world. As social inequality has dominated headlines (e.g. police misconduct, disproportionate incarceration rates), public administrators, once viewed as advocates for public equity, have become integral socio-political players in delivering public-sector inequity to citizens. Consequently, there is a need for scholars to break away from the prevailing PA conventionalism and ‘new management’ faux pas in order to reach the very brink of disciplinary avant-gardism. To provide a revolutionary PA response to societal problems necessitates a medium that is both radical and extreme scholarship. Explicitly, extreme radicalism in Public Administration (ERPA) engenders far-reaching imaginative research that stimulates large-scale societal
transformation. Treading on what could be perceived as mutinous intent to the approved ideals of contemporary ‘yuppy’ PA, extreme radical scholars must be willing to depart significantly from timid, typical and accepted notions of its (and any other) disciplines in order to be at the atypical cusp of cutting-edge fieldwork and in pursuit of something “new”. ERPA epitomizes scholarly buccaneering. It requires free-thinking, skepticism and bootlegging in regards to public action. Overarching, extreme radicalism affords a dais for attempts at experimental activism and the adventurous nature for exploration within the refractive prism of PA. Accordingly, this book will purport seven new tenets for extreme radicalism in PA:

1) Extreme radicalism demands scholars to be *imaginatively existential*. Scholars must focus on seeing and discussing all of the challenges and deprivities of existence in tandem with the “promises, possibilities and difficulties” of disciplinary and societal transfiguration.

2) Extreme PA radical public scholars must address *public problems* as opposed to socio-political and capitalistic drama. As societal problems are polymorphic, thus public problems must consider the multifaceted complexity and different possibilities resulting from the cohabitation of citizens.

3) As public problems are societal polymorphic, ERPA scholars must struggle to obtain a *360-degree view to the meaning of reality*. This requires exploration of exploration subject matters from all angles, which offers a multidimensional and hyper-contextualized appreciation of the human experience.

4) The extreme radical approach to PA should not just be pragmatic, but must be *artistically and experimentally pragmatic*. Artistic experimental pragmatism removes the concerns of gaining endorsements or validation from the prevailing disciplinary pedigree, but strives only to yield theories that are intended to solve actual problems rather than just those in the abstract realm.

5) Instead of social justice, efforts in extreme PA radicalism must be committed to conducting externally-focused research that promotes and supports progressive *societal justice* and more specifically *public justice*.

6) Extreme PA radicalism in *rejects unnecessary structure, conformity, convention and disciplinary compliance* and instead focuses on the absolutes of phenomena. This mindset affords room for spontaneous discoveries, spirited debates, and scholarly demonstrations.

7) PA extreme radicals should *be vulnerable to the consequences of conjectural risk-taking* in order to effect intellectual change. The very nature of intellectual change requires disciplinary martyrs, who actively confront the disciplinary highbrows and moreover follow patterns of unconventionality in order to yield world-shattering discoveries.

Using these decided tenets as a primer, this edited book is in search of sparking the ‘embers’ of extreme radicalism to the voices of our current and upcoming PA researchers and writers as well as inspiring professionals and academic learners. We seek to showcase the applicability of ERPA in finding “outside of the box” action-based angles in laying siege to the intellectual domain of crime, justice and public-sector administration. Most importantly, we need chapter submissions that are conceptually edgy, original and uncensored. Moreover, we want to provide a chance for topic choices that fall within uncharted disciplinary territories and have been overlooked or rejected for publishing.

**Recommended Topics**

This call for book chapters invites PA scholars to explore the aforementioned tenets of extreme radical PA and deploy its perspective in regards to writing extremely radical works that tackle issues related to
crime and justice. Contributors to this work might consider, but are not limited to, to the following sub-themes:

- Developing ERPA’s presence within the realm of crime justice administration
- Constructing public problems regarding matters related to crime and justice
- Public (Societal) Justice
- Public-sector facets to crime control
- Public Activism
- Serious impact of Public Agenda (and opinion) on the handling of crime and justice
- Inequity of Justice
- Turmoil of the Justice System
- Mass Incarceration
- Prisoner Reentry
- Recidivism
- Domestic Terrorism
- The flaws of statistical applicability to criminal and public analysis
- Public Administrative Justice reforms
- Failures of punitive and rehabilitative initiatives
- Cultural Competency of Justice
- Devolving/evolving societal standards (and perceptions) of crime and justice
- Public-sector Entrepreneurship of Justice
- PA response to Criminal Justice Policy and Planning

Target Audience:

The target audience of this book is professionals, scholars, researchers, students in addition to the novice learner with interest in obtaining a new bearing to the fields of Public Administration and Criminal Justice. We also anticipate that the audience of this book will gain an appreciation for the benefits to extreme radicalism in charting new courses in public administration.

Publisher

This edited book will be submitted to Rowman & Littlefield/Lexington Books for publishing.

Submission Procedures

This call is open to PhD scholars within Public Administration (or related fields) with research interest in crime and justice. Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit on or before November 30, 2016, a one-page chapter proposal clearly explaining the mission and concerns of his or her proposed chapter. Authors of accepted proposals will be notified by March 31, 2017 about the status of their proposals and sent chapter guidelines. Full chapters are expected to be submitted by July 31, 2017. All submitted chapters will be reviewed on a double-blind review basis. Contributors may also be requested to serve as reviewers for this project.

Please note: All submissions must be original and unique. Proposals should not have been previously published or submitted for publication elsewhere. For publishing purposes, we require all of our contributors to have a PhD.
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