

RETHINKING TRANSPARENCY

Challenging Ideals and Embracing Paradoxes

**The 7th Global Conference on Transparency Research
at Copenhagen Business School**

19 - 21 May 2021

Call for papers

Transparency scholarship has become a vibrant area of research, connecting an increasingly diverse set of disciplines such as organization, communication, public administration, journalism, political science, sociology, anthropology, law, business, and philosophy.

Over the past years, studies have examined different mutations of transparency, particularly fiscal transparency, freedom of information legislation, open government, e-government, digital surveillance, corruption, ratings, rankings, and benchmarking.

Many of these studies address the broader significance of transparency for society, organizations, and individuals and unveil both positive and negative consequences of transparency practices. In parallel a host of conceptual contributions theorize transparency from different disciplinary, theoretical, and epistemological perspectives, emphasizing the promises and ideals but also the perils and paradoxes associated with the ideal.

The conference wants to take stock of what we know about the up- and downsides of transparency by bringing together theoretical, normative, and empirical research and by spurring debates between the different perspectives.

Among others, we invite papers discussing and studying the following issues:

- Transparency and social theory
- Transparency and ideology
- Transparency and governance
- Transparency and quantification
- Transparency, secrecy and privacy
- Open government, e-government
- Freedom of Information
- Transparency and social media
- Transparency and surveillance
- Transparency in the political system
- Transparency and corruption
- Transparency and organizations
- Fiscal transparency
- Studying transparency: methodological challenges

We are happy to accept both individual paper submissions and submissions for panels.

Abstracts for papers should be no longer than 400 words. Proposals for panels should consist of 3-4 presenters and a moderator. They should include a proposed title for the panel and an abstract (500 words), the titles and 200 words abstracts of the papers, together with the names and affiliations of contributors.

Please submit an abstract for a paper or a panel proposal no later than **31 August, 2020**.

Accepted proposals will be notified until **15 October, 2020**.

Final papers with up to 7.000 words to be submitted until **18 April, 2021**.

Please upload papers on the conference website: gctr2021.cbs.dk