# Call for papers
**International Conference on Public Administration and Education in the Era of Digital Governance**

**February 16-17, 2026**
**Department of Public Administration**
**Islamic University, Kushtia-7003**
**Bangladesh**

The International Conference on Public Administration and Education in the Era of Digital Governance brings together scholars, policymakers, educators, and practitioners from around the world to explore how digital transformation is reshaping the foundations of governance and learning in the 21st century. As governments, universities, and civil society increasingly rely on digital tools for transparency, service delivery, and participation, understanding the intersection between public administration and education has become more crucial than ever.

Digital governance is not merely about adopting new technologies it signifies a paradigm shift in how institutions interact with citizens, manage knowledge, and deliver public value. The conference provides an intellectual platform to examine this transformation through multiple lenses: from e-government and smart public service models to the ethics of artificial intelligence, open data, and digital inclusion. Participants will discuss how these innovations are influencing administrative efficiency, accountability, and citizen trust in both developed and developing contexts.

Education, as a pillar of sustainable governance, is equally undergoing a profound transformation. The rise of digital learning ecosystems, open educational resources, and AI-assisted instruction is redefining how knowledge is created, shared, and applied in governance studies and beyond. The conference will address how public administration education can adapt to this new reality equipping future leaders with digital literacy, data-driven decision-making skills, and ethical sensibility needed for governance in an interconnected world.

The objectives of the conference are:
1. Critically examine how digital transformation is reshaping public administration
2. Explore the evolving relationship between public administration and education in the digital era
3. Promote ethical, inclusive, and citizen-centred digital governance
4. Showcase innovative practices and reforms in digital public service delivery
5. Strengthen digital competencies and leadership capacity in public administration
6. Reimagine public administration education for a data-driven, AI-supported future
7. Advance inclusive digital transformation and reduce digital divides
8. Link digital governance to sustainable development agendas
9. Foster interdisciplinary and cross-sector collaboration
10. Build a global community of practice on digital governance and education

Key themes include:
- ***Digital Administration and Policy Innovation***
- ***Public Administration Reform and Digitalization***
- ***Local Government and Digital Public Service Delivery***
- ***Higher Education Governance***
- ***Ethics in Administration***
- ***Inclusive Digital Transformation***
- ***Leadership and Capacity Building***
- ***Sustainable Development***

In addition to these core themes, we also warmly welcome research papers from related and interdisciplinary fields that engage with questions of governance, digitalization, and public ethics more broadly. Contributions drawing on perspectives from sociology, political science, law, information and communication technology, development studies, gender studies, and other allied disciplines are encouraged, provided they clearly connect to the conference focus. Comparative, cross-country, and case-study based analyses that enrich our understanding of digital governance and public sector transformation are also highly appreciated.

The conference welcomes research papers, case studies, and policy analyse that bridge theory and practice. Interactive sessions, workshops, and keynote speeches will provide a space for dialogue between academics and practitioners, highlighting successful models of digital governance and educational reform from across the globe.

Ultimately, this event seeks to build a global community of practice committed to fostering transparent, responsive, and citizen-centered governance through education and technology. It underscores that digital transformation must be guided not only by efficiency and innovation but also by ethical integrity, inclusiveness, and a commitment to the public good.

By convening experts from diverse disciplines, the International Conference on Public Administration and Education in the Era of Digital Governance aims to chart a shared vision for the future where governance and education evolve hand in hand to meet the complex challenges of a rapidly digitalizing world.

## Submission Guidelines

- Extended abstracts (max 1000 words) should clearly state the research question, methodology (if applicable), theoretical framework, key findings/arguments, and relevance to the conference theme. (please follow APA reference style).
- Include a short bio (max 100 words) with your institutional affiliation and contact details.
- Submissions can be in the form of academic papers, policy briefs, or case studies.

**Please email your abstract to:iupa.internationalconference@gmail.com**

**Important dates:**

- **Deadline for abstract submission:  January 15**, 2025
- **Notification of acceptance:       January 20**, 2026
- **Registration:** January 25, 2026
- **Full paper submission:** January 30, 2026
- **Conference dates:** February 16-17, 2026
- **Venue:** Department of Public Administration, Islamic University, Kushtia-7003, Bangladesh
- **Registration Fees:**
  - Faculty (external) 5000.00 BDT. (Accommodation and food included)
  - Faculty (Internal) 2500.00 BDT (Food included)
  - Students 1000.00 BDT (Breakfast and Snacks included)

## Publication Opportunity

Selected papers will be considered for publication in an edited volume from reputed publication house.

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