

## **Public policy & social innovation: comparative evidence, critical assessments**

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This stream welcomes papers that present evidence on the interface between social innovation, social enterprise and public policy in a national, comparative and global context. The development of social innovation discourses in the public sphere is increasingly prominent and visible to citizens. Yet, given the ongoing social, economic and political turmoil affecting global communities, challenges to existing policy frameworks persist.

Therefore this stream seeks contributions that describe, explore, compare and critique policy discourses, institutional contexts and particular policy frameworks. We encourage new evidence from or different interpretations of well-known contexts (for example, across the European Union member states). Also, we are especially keen to see new evidence from previously under-researched contexts, where no or little evidence exists or innovative policy design, implementation and practice offer insights.

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