

## Call for papers

### *Performance measurement systems in universities: Threats or opportunities for governance?*

#### JMG Workshop and Special Issue

#### Guest Editors

Francesca Manes Rossi (University of Naples, Federico II, Italy)

Riccardo Mussari (University of Siena, Italy)

Denita Cepiku (University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy)

The dynamic environment surrounding universities, such as increasing competition, ranking systems, reduced public resources, the urgency of publishing, makes effective performance measurement systems increasingly challenging.

A wide strand of research has touched upon performance measurement system in universities and possible limitations and contractions (Dobija et al., 2019; Guthrie and Newmann, 2007; Kallio et al., 2017; ter Bogt and Scapens 2012; Vakkuri and Meklin, 2003). Furthermore, universities are engaged in the process of marketisation (Parker, 2013), where there is a growing need for measurement systems assessing research, teaching and third mission activities to inform governance bodies and support decision making. At the same time, the burden of administrative activities on researchers is always more time-consuming, requiring further effort to be evaluated as part of the overall performance.

This special issue aims at unveiling possible threat or opportunities of performance measurement systems in universities for governance.

Topics included by this call refer, but are not limited to:

- The use of different performance measurement systems in universities for governance issues.
- Ambiguity in the use of qualitative and quantitative measures.
- Feedback from measurement and reshaping universities' strategies.
- Idiosyncrasies occurring between the use of performance measures for governance purposes at national and local level.
- Performance measurement use and communication in universities.
- Integrated performance measurement systems and risk management in universities.

- The use of technologies in performance measurement systems in universities and their threats and opportunities for sound governance.
- The predictive capacity of performance measurement systems

The special issue welcomes studies drawing on any relevant theoretical framework and employing any relevant research method, including case/field studies, surveys, archival studies, experiments and ethnographic papers, as well as strongly conceptual research.

### **JMG Workshop**

A Workshop on “*Governance and performance in universities: a missing link?*” will be organized at the University of Naples, Federico II, to present and discuss papers eligible for the submission to this Special Issue. The date of the workshop is **16 November, 2020**.

Further details on this event and the deadline for the presentation of the abstracts will be soon available on the webpage of the Workshop <https://jmg-workshop.cms.webnode.it/>

### **Submission Procedure**

The closing date for submission to this special issue is **28 February, 2021**.

**The participation at the workshop IS NOT a requirement for the submission.**

Manuscripts should be submitted online. Authors’ registration and access will be available at <http://www.editorialmanager.com/mago/default.aspx>, starting from **30 November, 2020**. When submitting your manuscript you will be asked to specify whether it is for a regular issue or one of the named special issues, so please select the “**PMS in Universities**” option. The format of the papers must follow the JMG’s submission guidelines.

Submitted papers should not have been previously published nor be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. All papers will be reviewed in accordance with JMG’s standard double-blind review process.

The Guest Editors welcome enquiries in advance of submission and declarations of interest. Enquiries can be sent at the attention of the Guest Editors Francesca Manes Rossi ([francesca.manesrossi@unina.it](mailto:francesca.manesrossi@unina.it)), Riccardo Mussari ([riccardo.mussari@unisi.it](mailto:riccardo.mussari@unisi.it)) and Denita Cepiku ([cepiku@economia.uniroma2.it](mailto:cepiku@economia.uniroma2.it)).