Call for Papers.

The journal *Gestión y Política Pública* invites scholars and researchers interested in the study and analysis of the reforms to the welfare systems, social security and health to submit articles for review and potential publication in a special issue to be edited during the **second semester of the 2016**

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*Gestión y Política Pública* is a semiannual academic journal published by the Public Administration Division at *Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)* in Mexico City. This journal was established more than 20 ago and it is included in important national and international indexes and abstracts, such as Índice de Revistas Mexicanas Científicas de Excelencia del CONACYT (Mexican Index of Scientific Journals of Excellence of CONACYT), Citas Latinoamericanas en Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades, CLASE (Latin-American Quotes on Social Science and Humanities), and Red de Revistas Científicas de América Latina y el Caribe, España y Portugal, Redalyc (Latin America and the Caribbean, Spain, and Portugal Network of Scientific Journals), as well as Thomson Reuters (Thomson ISI), Cambridge Scientific Abstracts (CSA), and Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI).

For several decades the welfare systems have undergone a series of reforms, mainly those sectors related to social security and health, affecting not only the quality of the services but also building a new relationship between citizens and the state. The vast majority of these reforms have been inspired movements known worldwide as NGP and later as Post-NPM redesigning the overall public sector infrastructure, either through privatization, introduction of management
techniques or through the implementation of innovative forms such as vertical and horizontal partnership, particularly in the areas of health and social security.

In many ways, these reforms have drawn the interest of many people in the academic community, not only by their important implications for society, but also because of the problems associated with the implementation of reforms. Some generated by the difficulty of initiating processes of change in political-administrative structures such as the lack of coordination, weak integration of organizations and ineffectiveness; and others problems related to the effects on the quality of democracy in countries like the lack of transparency, poor accountability and inequality in the reformed sectors. Some of the consequences of the reforms have focused on an emphasis on user-orientation or client, free choice, standardization of services, managerialism and privatization, and in this regard influencing other areas as important as migration and professions.

On the one hand, traditional research has focused mainly on the quantitative evaluation of the effects of these reforms and economic impacts that have occurred in the sectors that have been transformed and on the other, research on organizational and institutional dynamics have been scarce and fragmented. Hence, despite this growing interest, it is still important studies and analyzes to consolidate and generate sufficient instruments to learn from its implementation. Comparative studies have been one of the most important areas of recent research. Accordingly, we welcome contributions that seek to analyze and reflect on reforms to welfare systems, particularly in the social security and health. Articles may focus on some of the following topics:

- Modernization of social security systems,
- Reforms to pension systems.
- Reforms to health systems.
- Organizational/institutional transformation in hospitals.
- Migration and social security.
- Transparency and accountability.
- Poverty, social welfare and inequality.
- New forms of regulation.
- The role of NGOs and IO in reforms to the welfare systems, social security and health.
- Comparative studies.

Contributions from regional, transnational and global comparative research are expected. The approach can focus on national realities and studies that provide comparative analyzes both nationally and agencies of reform will be appreciate. Articles may be submitted in Spanish or English, but all accepted paper must be submitted in Spanish.

**Proposals submission.**

This call opens in the first instance for proposals. Article proposals can be received in Spanish and English, but all articles accepted for publication should be drafted and sent only in Spanish.

Proposals must contain:

- Clear statement of the problem to be analyzed.
- The employed methodology (i.e. questions or hypotheses, sample, study time, methodological, quantitative or qualitative tools used etc.).
- A summary of the main findings. It is suggested that the proposal should contain a logical public policy regarding the presentation of the problem, exposure and recommendations.
- Public policy recommendations and conclusions.
- Main references used.
- Proposals must be summarized from 3 to 5 pages (maximum) Word, Arial 12 font, line spacing 1.5.
- Provide a brief curriculum of the authors containing name and nationality, academic degree, areas of research, address, phone and email.
The deadline to submit proposals for papers is November 30, 2015. Accepted proposals will be notified by December 15th.

Receipt of proposals for articles should be directed to: jcmoreno@correo.cua.uam.mx, kari.ludvigsen@uni.no and efrain.coronilla@cide.edu.

Submission procedure

The submission of articles should follow the requirements and regular standards expressed under “Indicaciones para los colaboradores” at the Gestión y Política Pública website (www.gestionypoliticapublica.cide.edu):

- Only unpublished articles that are not being submitted simultaneously to another publication will be considered.
- Only material written in Spanish or English will be accepted.
- The length of the articles should not exceed 40 pages, with 1.5 spacing, using Arial font size 12.
- Besides the article, proposals must include the title of the work, a summary or abstract (80 to 160 words), and keywords in Spanish and English.
- Provide a short bio of the author containing name, nationality, academic position, current activities, address, phone number, fax, and e-mail.
- Bibliographic references must be included in the text body inside a parenthesis (author, year, page), while the complete bibliography should be presented in alphabetical order at the end.

Review process.

The deadline for submission of proposals is November, 30th, 2015 and those accepted will be notified on December 15th. Articles will be received until March 15th, 2016. They will be received exclusively in electronic format by e-mail. No
articles will be accepted after this date. Articles can be sent to efrain.coronilla@cie.edu, jcmoreno@correo.cua.uam.mx and / or kari.ludvigsen@uni.no. In the following weeks, the guest editors, in consultation with the journal editor in-chief, will decide which articles meet the academic requirements to continue with the review process.

The selected articles will be subjected to a rigorous blind-review process by at least two specialists on the special issue topic, chosen from the members of the reviewer portfolio of Gestión y Política Pública. The review process will be completed by April 30th, 2016. It is important to emphasize that the results of the review process for a specific article may include the following: accepted, rejected, or resubmit to address the reviewers’ comments before a definitive acceptance. Authors will be asked to submit their final manuscripts by June 15th, 2016.

If the number of accepted articles is not enough to complete a special issue of the journal, the accepted articles will be published in a special section of a regular edition of Gestión y Política Pública. In any case, the authors of the accepted articles must sign a copyright agreement with the journal.

Any aspect not specifically mentioned in the present call for papers will be decided by the editor in-chief of Gestión y Política Pública.