

# Review of: "Revitalizing Public Administration: Transformative Solutions for Addressing Mankind's Governance Challenges"

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This is an essentially prescriptive article, based on the hope that if governments adopt a series of well-known systems and technologies widely discussed in the most recent literature on public management, they will be able to confront and overcome the major challenges faced by the world today: environmental degradation, health crises, social inequalities, disruptive technologies, persistence of silos, and the like. The implicit logic is that in the face of each type of threat or challenge, a given solution will solve the problem. Hence, the text becomes a collection of “best practices” that can be easily found in the existing literature.

The abstract indicates that “traditional approaches are hindered by bureaucratic inefficiencies, lack of innovation, and resistance to change.” Neither are such “traditional approaches” identified, nor is it explained how an “approach” can be “hindered” by such calamities.

Nowhere in the text can be found an indication of the context to which the implicit diagnosis of public administration applies. All problems appear to have a similar importance, but a few of them are selected for consideration in order to propose specific solutions (cybersecurity threats, conflict resolution, youth engagement), as if they could be applied *urbi et orbi*.

If the research on which the article is based included a review of the literature, it should be noticed that its size is much too brief, given the broad scope of the issues discussed.

Finally, the organization of the article is very strange. There is no introduction indicating how the analysis will proceed. The discussion of the different issues precedes the consideration of the methodology. And the “findings” section is, in fact, what a “conclusion” section would look like (which is lacking).

In my opinion, this article needs a lot of work before its publication.