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## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **BACKGROUND**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Congress of Co-Governance, with the theme of **Co-governance as a method for building fraternity in politics starting from cities**, to be held in Brazil in October 2021, hopes to contribute to the strengthening of Latin America's democracy. It will examine democracy's organization, participation, and service, starting from cities. It will reflect on the ongoing process of participation and co-responsibility among different stakeholders, with the goal of creating and supporting a city that welcomes, cares, and offers a life of dignity to all people.

The process had its starting point in 2019 in Castel Gandolfo, Italy, at the 1<sup>st</sup> International Congress of Co-Governance. The Congress drew inspiration from the political commitment proposed and lived in the light of fraternity in cities and between cities by the Mppu.

One of the proposals during that initial meeting was to hold an international congress every two years in a different continent, to share insights and challenges on this journey. In 2021, the congress will be held in the Latin American continent, and Brazil will be the host country.

In front of the complexity of governing, with its diverse interests and powers involved, there is a growing awareness that the best government is a shared vision of the city based on "co-responsibility"—institutions and active citizenship together—in a single network of actors in relationship with each other. In a word: **co-governance**.

### **The goals of the Congress are:**

- a) Offer a space for reflection/experiences on social, cultural, and political commitment starting from the spaces, structures, resources, and challenges present in the city;
- b) Propose to cities the development of a culture of co-governance to protect, strengthen, and consolidate political and democratic life in all aspects;
- c) Encourage a network of co-governance within and among cities;
- d) Discuss democratic and participatory processes through presentations, best practices and **launching an e-book during the Congress**, in which cooperation and dialogue, the structural

dimensions of human interaction, can find ways, words, and tools to facilitate the implementation of public policies for this end;

- e) Deepen the "Covenant for New Governance<sup>1</sup>," launched during the 1<sup>st</sup> International Congress on Co-Governance in 2019, through breakout group work, and taking into account this period of pandemic we are experiencing on a global scale;
- f) Map out co-governance initiatives in many local, Latin American and world contexts;
- g) Delve into the different forms of co-governance identified and look for possible contributions that will strengthen cohesion, inclusion and equity in overcoming social vulnerabilities;
- h) Deepen the connection to the principle of fraternity in the ideation of public policy, and in the light of a culture of unity in the context of the public square.

In this context, the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Congress on Co-governance is pleased to present this call for papers in view of developing the collective work "**Co-governance as a method for building fraternity in politics starting from cities**," e-book format. Each contribution will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee that will consider the form, quality, and appropriateness to the general theme of the Congress.

The e-book will be edited by ASCES Publisher and published in the ASCES-UNITA University Center Digital Institutional Repository, and on the co-governance website<sup>2</sup>.

### Key themes

The proposed topic for the e-book aims to examine and expand on issues around the idea of co-governance. To deepen the study, the proposed themes are:

1. **Common Good;**
2. **Citizenship;**
3. **Co-governance;**
4. **Social Inequality;**
5. **Diversity of Peoples;**
6. **Environment;**
7. **Participation;**
8. **Political Parties;**
9. **Public Policy;**
10. **Quality of politics;**

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<sup>1</sup> "Pact for a new governance" – Final document of the 1<sup>st</sup> International Congress of Co-governance in January 17 to 20, 2019, in Castel Gandolfo, Rome, Italy, with the title "Co-governance: co-responsibility in today's cities". Available at: <<https://bit.ly/3jGeQQj>>.

<sup>2</sup> [www.co-governance.org/](http://www.co-governance.org/)

11. **Minimum Wage;**
12. **Public Health;**
13. **Territories;**
14. **Transparency (in actions and decisions).**

#### **Norms for article submission:**

1. The paper must be original and unpublished, deal with a topic pertinent to the aforementioned key themes, and relate to the chosen critical issue of principles of fraternity.
2. The article must be between 15-20 pages, including References with quotes according to the system AUTHOR/DATE. The article should obey the current ABNT - NBR 6023/2018 norm.
3. The articles can be co-authored, with a maximum of 2 (two) authors. Each author can submit up to 2 (two) articles.
4. The author(s) must at least be a specialist in their field.
5. The texts should be written in Portuguese and according to the New Orthographic Agreement of 2013, or in Spanish, English, or Italian.
6. Document type must be in Word, Times New Roman font, size 12, and 1.5 line spacing for the body of the text. For direct quotes above three lines, use size 11 and single line spacing.
7. Paper must be A4.
8. Superior and left margins: 3 cm
9. Inferior and right margins: 2 cm
10. First line of paragraphs: Indent 1.5 cm
11. The title of the article must be centered, bold and all capitals; keep two blank spaces at the top of the page.
12. Followed by 2 (two) blank spaces below the title of the article. Then Name(s) of the author(s) in bold, followed by e-mail, and two additional blank spaces. Name is aligned to the right, with a short overview of the content on the page's footer (maximum of four lines for each author in the overview).
13. Structure:  
Table of Contents including: introduction, development (main topics), final considerations, references (following current Brazilian style guidelines [NBR ABNT]). The titles and subtitles must be numbered and in bold. Do not use capitals on paragraph titles. Above the titles and subtitles there must be a blank space, between the titles/subtitles and paragraphs there must not be blank spaces.
14. Any footnotes must appear in numerical order on the page they are mentioned.
15. Direct quotes of up to three lines will be made with quotation marks, following the text. Whenever there are more than three lines in a sequence of direct quotes, a new paragraph must be made, with an indentation of 4 cm from the margin, without quotation marks, with size 11 font, single-spaced.

16. Line spacing of 0 points (before and after) between the paragraphs.

17. The publishing format of the received articles, if selected, will be as e-book chapters.

Submission and selection of the articles:

The articles must be sent to the e-mail [artigocogovernanca@gmail.com](mailto:artigocogovernanca@gmail.com) by 11:59 p.m. (Brazilian Standard Time) on June 21, 2021. Email subject must say: "Article for the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Congress of Co-governance".

The request is made that the authors follow the norms as given and send, with the articles, a brief signed declaration, waiving their copyright and authorizing publishing of an e-book.

The evaluation criteria will be:

1. Relevance of the work, its pertinence to the Congress themes and to the Principle of Fraternity;
2. Concept approach;
3. Methodology;
4. Presentation of results;
5. Actual contribution to development of the study on Co-governance in one of the proposed areas.

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