



Research Network on Public Authorities and Financial Distress (RPAFD) Virtual Seminar on “Public Interest” 12 July 2024 @ 15.00 pm BST

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15:00 – 15:05 | Welcome & Introduction

- Yseult Marique (University of Essex)
- Geo Quinot (Stellenbosch University)



15:05 – 15:45 | Public Interest

Join Yseult Marique (University of Essex) and Geo Quinot (Stellenbosch University) as they speak with **David N. Schleicher** (Yale Law School) about public interest issues in local government budget crises. David covered this topic in his recent publication, *In a Bad State* (OUP 2023). *In a Bad State* provides the first comprehensive historical and theoretical analysis of how the U.S. federal government has addressed municipal debt crises. Interestingly for our research, the book suggests some ways the federal government could ameliorate the problem by conditioning federal aid on future state fiscal responsibility, spreading losses across governments and interests, and building resilience against crises into federal spending and tax policy.

David N. Schleicher is a Professor of Law at Yale Law School and is an expert in local government law, land use, federalism, state and local finance and urban development. His work has been published widely in academic journals, including the *Yale Law Journal* and the *University of Chicago Law Review*, as well as in popular outlets.

15:45 – 15:55 | Q&A

Please engage in a discussion with our panellists, and feel free to ask any questions arising from the presentation.

15:55 – 16:00 | Closing remarks

- Emanuele Padovani (University of Bologna)

IMPORTANT: The meeting will be recorded. The presentation from David N. Schleicher and potentially some of the questions will be uploaded on our [YouTube channel](#). If you don't wish to be recorded, please do let us know (either at the beginning or during the call/before your question) and we will remove your comments and questions from the final video clip.

