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**Blurring Sector Boundaries, Hybrid Organisations and Public Services:
Current Issues and Common Ground**

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Boundaries between the sectors – public, private and civil society – are blurring. Social investment, CSR, social business, public private partnerships, social entrepreneurship and venture philanthropy are some of the concepts that challenge the notion of three clearly distinguished societal sectors. At the same time, we observe organisational hybridisation, with changes in institutional and organisational logics resulting from the mixing of public, nonprofit and commercial characteristics. Against this backdrop we can position debates about public service delivery – how best to secure efficiency, quality, cost effectiveness and ultimately public value.

In this panel, we seek to explore the current issues within each of these domains and to search for some common ground. We invite papers that encompass the following areas of focus:

- How do shifting sector boundaries impact organisations?
- How do organisations react to sector changes?
- What are the implications for public service delivery?

We are interested in both theoretical and empirical papers that address these theme areas and the intersections between them.

Abstract submission

Please submit abstracts through the conference website (<http://irspm2011.com>) and not directly to the chairs. Abstracts must be limited to 250 words and abstract titles to 50 words. Abstracts must be submitted by **October 1, 2010**. For further details concerning abstract submission and the conference, please consult the website.