
Editorial

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It is our pleasure to inaugurate Volume 4 of *International Journal of Electronic Governance* with a double special issue on (Re)creating public sphere, civic culture and civic engagement: public service media vs. online social networks, guest-edited by Professor Petros Iosifidis, City University London, and Professor Michael Meimaris, University of Athens, and featuring a number of papers and invited papers by distinguished researchers and renowned scholars in the field.

With our sincere thanks to the guest editors and all contributors of this special issue, we would also like to bring to our readers' attention the following special issues of IJEG, which are currently open for submissions, all scheduled for publication during 2012:

- special issue on *E-Deliberation 2.0*, guest-edited by Dr. Dimitra Milioni and Dr. Vasiliki Triga, Cyprus University of Technology
- special issue on *Green e-Participation*, guest-edited by Professor Stephen Coleman, University of Leeds, and Professor Andreas Papandreou, University of Athens
- special issue on *Voting Advice Applications and State of the Art: Theory, practice, and comparative insights*, guest-edited by Professor Theodore Chadjipantelis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Dr. Uwe Serdült, University of Zurich, and Dr. Vasiliki Triga, Cyprus University of Technology.

The calls for papers for all the above can be found on the Inderscience website (<http://www.inderscience.com/callPapers.php>) as well as on the IJEG home page (<http://www.inderscience.com/ijeg>).

Leaving the room to our guest editors for their own introduction to the special issue, we would like to acknowledge the collective work of many colleagues, which makes the development of IJEG come true.