
Editorial

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We are glad to present the special issue of the International Journal of Electronic Governance on *Methodologies, Technologies and Tools enabling e-Government*, guest-edited by Barbara Re, University of Camerino, Italy and Marino Miculan, University of Udine, Italy, which opens the 8th volume of IJEG. Our guest editors' introduction and the research papers that follow cover a number of interesting developments in e-government R&D which we invite you to peruse.

At the same time, forthcoming special issues on interdisciplinary topics from the journal's subject coverage feature

- *Electronic Governance and Open Society: Challenges in Eurasia*, guest-edited by Yuri Misnikov, ITMO University, Russia, Christine Leitner, Centre for Economics and Public Administration, UK and Dmitrii Trutnev, ITMO University, Russia
- *Personalization in e-Government and Smart Cities*, guest-edited by Nikolaos Loutas, PwC, Belgium, Fedelucio Narducci, University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy, Adegboyega Ojo, Insight@NUI, Ireland, Matteo Palmonari, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy, Cécile Paris, CSIRO Digital Productivity Flagship, Australia and Giovanni Semeraro, University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy
- *Electronic Participation*, guest-edited by Efthimios Tambouris, University of Macedonia, Greece, Konstantinos Tarabanis, University of Macedonia, Greece, Øystein Sæbø, University of Agder, Norway and Panos Panagiotopoulos, Queen Mary University of London, UK
- *Empowering Citizenship in the Hybrid City*, guest-edited by Dimitris Charitos, University of Athens, Greece, Martijn de Waal, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands and Penny Travlou, University of Edinburgh, UK

- *Citizen rights in the world of the new computing paradigms*, guest-edited by Sokratis Katsikas, University of Piraeus, Greece and Vasilios Zorkadis, Hellenic Data Protection Authority, Greece.

We invite all our readers and contributors to check the IJEG call for papers page at <http://www.inderscience.com/info/ingeneral/cfplist.php?jcode=ijeg> for currently open calls for submissions to the special issues above.

Alongside these developments, in our ongoing quest to expand the subject coverage of the *International Journal of Electronic Governance*, and especially so across boundary-spanning interdisciplinary topics, we are constantly looking out for regular contributions and special issues on emerging topics such as open data and big data, collaborative and co-produced governance and participation, smart local governance, DIY citizenship and many others.

At the same time, in the effort to provide our readership with a rich coverage of news and upcoming conferences of interest to the broader Electronic Governance constituency, we are providing a number of links to selected recent developments and forthcoming Electronic Governance-related conferences in our News in Brief and Conference Calendar columns respectively.

Last but not least, in the current issue of IJEG we are happy to continue with our Book Reviews column, featuring review presentations of books that span a broad spectrum of interdisciplinary topics of interest for Electronic Governance researchers and practitioners. In this respect, we are glad to present the reviews of two books: *Governance in the Information Era – Theory and Practice of Policy Informatics*, by Erik W. Johnston (editor), published by Routledge (2015), offering a comprehensive view of advancements in the multi-disciplinary field of Policy Informatics; and *Information Politics – Liberation and Exploitation in the Digital Society*, by Tim Jordan (author), published by PlutoPress (2015), providing a number of discussions and insights into the subtleties of the emerging domain of Information Politics.

We gladly invite you to read on the guest editorial, research articles, news and briefs, conference calendar and book reviews that follow and stay close to us for more advancements and updates.