
Editorial

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In the present third issue of Vol. 8 of the *International Journal of Electronic Governance*, we are glad to present the IJEG Special Issue on *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.

The special issue, which has drawn research papers from contributors of the EGOSE conference series, provides a very interesting picture of developments in the practice and thinking on electronic and open government in the Eurasian region, an emerging and currently not much-researched geography within the global e-governance landscape.

In the months to come, IJEG will continue with alternating regular and special issues on topics from the journal's subject coverage. In this respect, our forthcoming special issues feature

- *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
- *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
- *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 Alexander Sideridis, Agricultural University of Athens, 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 forthcoming Electronic Governance-related conferences in our Conference Calendar column.

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 review of one more title: *Affective Publics – Sentiment, Technology, and Politics* by Zizi Papacharissi (author), published by Oxford University Press (2014), providing an extremely interesting discussion of the ways in which affect and emotion may help us understand civic engagement online, and explain how people use newer technologies to make their voices matter in politics.

Leaving the floor to our guest editors for their own introduction of the special issue, we gladly invite you to read on and peruse the research papers, conference calendar and book review that follow, and stay close to us for more developments and updates.