News in Brief

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A number of selected recent news of interest for the broader constituency of Electronic Governance research and practice are listed in the following. For simplicity, news are briefly presented in the form of headlines, arranged in chronological order and accompanied by pointers to sources and more information that interested readers are invited to check. At the same time the word cloud below is meant to offer a quick glimpse of the overall news coverage.

Please note that, although we make every effort to ensure that the links mentioned below are active at the time of writing, we need to disclaim responsibility for eventual cases of broken links at the time of reading. In case our readers spot any such cases, we kindly request them to let the columnist know.

1 June, 2017

The Age of Customer.gov: Can the Tech that Drives 311 Help Government Deliver an Amazon-like Experience?

http://www.govtech.com/The-Age-of-Customer-gov.html

13 June, 2017

Cities Turn to Public Input to Shape Open Data Policy

http://www.govtech.com/data/Cities-Turn-to-Public-Input-to-Shape-Open-Data-Policy.html

22 June, 2017

[Report] Shaping space for civic life: Can better design help engage citizens?

https://www.curbed.com/2017/6/22/15854608/urban-planning-community-engagement-litter

23 June, 2017

Local Government in China Trials Blockchain for Public Services

https://www.coindesk.com/local-government-china-trials-blockchain-public-services/

29 June, 2017

The Problem With Participatory Democracy Is the Participants

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/29/opinion/sunday/the-problem-with-participatory-democracy-is-the-participants.html?_r=0

5 July, 2017

What is One Team Government?

https://medium.com/@kcollingwood/what-is-one-team-government-962089d6375f

6 July, 2017

The Prospects & Limits of Deliberative Democracy

http://thegovlab.org/the-prospects-limits-of-deliberative-democracy/

8 July, 2017

How Global Digital Services Teams are Modernizing Government Tech

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/distinguished-professor-dr-ines-mergel-explains-how_us_5988eaa6e4b08a4c247f252e?ncid=engmodushpmg00000004

10 July, 2017

How Africa's Data Revolution Can Deliver Sustainable Development Outcomes

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/donald-mogeni/how-africas-data-revoluti_b_17374274.html

10 July, 2017

Madrid as a democracy lab

https://www.opendemocracy.net/democraciaabierta/bernardo-guti-rrez/madrid-as-democracy-lab

11 July, 2017

Political Inequality in Affluent Democracies

http://items.ssrc.org/political-inequality-in-affluent-democracies/

12 July, 2017

Top Global Thinker Applies Lessons from Airbnb and Uber to Open Government as a Platform

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/interview-with-sangeet-choudary-lessons-from-airbnb_us_5962fd55e4b08f5c97d06b05

13 July, 2017

[Report] Government at a Glance 2017

http://www.oecd.org/gov/government-at-a-glance-22214399.htm

14 July, 2017

Are innovation labs delivering on their promise?

https://www.devex.com/news/are-innovation-labs-delivering-on-their-promise-89045

19 July, 2017

America is not a true democracy. But it could be with the help of technology

https://qz.com/1032154/america-is-not-a-true-democracy-but-it-could-be-with-the-help-of-technology/

20 July, 2017

How open data can help the Global South, from disaster relief to voter turnout

http://theconversation.com/how-open-data-can-help-the-global-south-from-disaster-relief-to-voter-turnout-81159

20 July, 2017

[Report] Modernizing government's approach to transportation and land use data: Challenges and opportunities

https://www.brookings.edu/research/modernizing-approach-to-data/

25 July, 2017

Government innovations and the hype cycle

https://www.centreforpublicimpact.org/government-innovations-hype-cycle/

26 July, 2017

Rage against the machines: is AI-powered government worth it?

https://medium.com/world-economic-forum/rage-against-the-machines-is-ai-powered-government-worth-it-d003a0488f02

31 July, 2017

[Report] The Best States for Data Innovation

https://www.datainnovation.org/2017/07/the-best-states-for-data-innovation/#maps

1 August, 2017

New Research Shows Digital Organizing Gives Women More Political Power

https://medium.com/the-fifth-estate/new-research-shows-digital-organizing-gives-women-more-political-power-23517a792598

1 August, 2017

The hidden costs of open data

https://gcn.com/articles/2017/08/01/the-hidden-costs-of-open-data.aspx

2 August, 2017

Ireland to build a central eGovernment gateway

https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/epractice/news/ireland-build-central-egovernment-gateway

4 August, 2017

Rise of the Government Chatbot

http://www.govtech.com/civic/Rise-of-the-Government-Chatbot.html

8 August, 2017

Digital Decisions Tool

https://cdt.org/blog/digital-decisions-tool/

For more news on developments related to the broader Electronic Governance agenda, please be invited to peruse the following list of global, international and national coverage websites, whose focus is diversified across e-government, open government, open access, information society, development, social policy and other broad areas. The list that follows is arranged in alphabetical order, and any suggestions for additions and updates are welcome.

- Accountability Initiative
  http://www.accountabilityindia.in

- American Research Institute for Policy Development
  http://aripd.org

- Arab Reform Initiative
  http://www.arab-reform.net/en

- Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation
  https://ash.harvard.edu/

- Beeck Center for Social Impact and Innovation
  http://beeckcenter.georgetown.edu/

- Cambridge Policy Lab
  https://cambridgepolicylab.org/

- Center for Democratic Deliberation
  http://cdd.la.psu.edu/

- Center for Policy Research
  http://www.cprindia.org

- Center for Research on Direct Democracy
  http://www.c2d.ch

- Civil Service Quarterly blog
  https://quarterly.blog.gov.uk/

- Danube University Krems Center for E-Governance
  http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/en/department/gpa/telematik/index.php

- Democracy Barometer
  http://www.democracybarometer.org/index.html

- DemocracyOS
  http://democracyos.org

- Demos Think Tank
  http://www.demos.co.uk

- Digital Civil Society Lab
https://medium.com/the-digital-civil-society-lab

- Economist Intelligence Unit Insights
http://www.economistinsights.com/home

- eGovernment community on the European Commission Joinup platform
https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/egovernment/home

- Electronic Frontier Foundation topical page on Creativity & Innovation
https://www.eff.org/issues/innovation

- e-Participation in the EU community on the European Commission Joinup platform
https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/e-participation/home

- ePractice community on the European Commission Joinup platform
https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/epractice/home

- European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA)
http://www.alda-europe.eu/newSite/

- European Citizen Action Service (ECAS)
http://ecas.org/

- European Citizens Initiative Organization community on the European Commission Joinup platform
https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/ecio/home

- GovLab Digest @ NYU
http://thegovlab.org/govlab-digest

- Harvard University Berkman Center for Internet and Society
http://cyber.law.harvard.edu

- IBM Center for Cognitive Government
http://www-01.ibm.com/industries/government/ieg/ccg/index.html

- Indices of Social Development
http://www.indsocdev.org/

- Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA)
http://www.idea.int/

- Institute of Development Studies
http://www.ids.ac.uk

- International Observatory on Participatory Democracy
https://www.oidp.net/en/

- ITMO University e-Government Center
http://egov.ifmo.ru/en

- Kettering Foundation
https://www.kettering.org/

- MIT Innovation Initiative
https://innovation.mit.edu/

- MySociety
http://www.mysociety.org

- National Endowment for Democracy
http://www.ned.org

- New England Center for Civic Life
http://franklinpierce.edu/institutes/neccl/

- OECD Civil Society webpage
http://www.oecd.org/about/membersandpartners/publicaffairs/civil-society.htm

- OECD Insights
http://oecdinsights.org

- OECD topical page on Innovation
http://www.oecd.org/innovation/

- Open Data Institute
http://theodi.org

- Open Government community on the European Commission Joinup platform
  https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/opengov/home

- Open Government Partnership
  http://www.opengovpartnership.org/

- Open Knowledge Foundation
  https://okfn.org

- OpenGov Foundation
  http://opengovfoundation.org

- Oxford Internet Institute
  http://www.oii.ox.ac.uk

- P2P Foundation
  http://p2pfoundation.net

- Participatory Politics Foundation
  http://www.participatorypolitics.org/

- Pew Research Center Internet Project
  http://www.pewinternet.org

- Public Agenda
  https://publicagenda.org/

- Red Latinoamericana por la Transparencia Legislativa
  http://www.transparencialegislativa.org

- SmartCities DIVE
  http://www.smartcitiesdive.com/

- Social Media in eGovernment community on the European Commission Joinup platform
  https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/socialmedia/home

- Sunlight Foundation
  http://sunlightfoundation.com/

- TED topical page on Innovation
  https://www.ted.com/topics/innovation

- The Commonwealth Center for Electronic Governance
  http://www.electronicgovindia.net/index.php

- The Democracy Imperative
  https://thedemocracyimperative.wordpress.com/

- The Global Innovation Index
  https://www.globalinnovationindex.org/

- The Hunger Project
  http://www.thp.org/

- The Innovation Policy Platform
  https://www.innovationpolicyplatform.org/

- The Local Public Sector Initiative
  http://www.localpublicsector.net/index.htm

- The University at Albany Center for Technology in Government
  http://www.ctg.albany.edu

- Transparency International
  http://www.transparency.org

- UNHCR topical page on Innovation
  http://www.unhcr.org/innovation/

- United Nations Public Administration Network
  http://www.unpan.org

- United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
  http://www.unrisd.org

- University of Antwerp Institute of Development Policy and Management
  https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/faculties/iob

- Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem)
  https://www.v-dem.net/en/

- World Bank Group
  http://www.worldbank.org

- World Forum for Democracy
  http://www.coe.int/en/web/
  world-forum-democracy

- World Internet Project
  http://worldinternetproject.net

- World Justice Project
  https://worldjusticeproject.org/

- World Movement for Democracy
  http://www.movedemocracy.org/

- World Summit on the Information
  Society
  http://www.itu.int/wsis/index.html