
Editorial Note

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We welcome our readers to this second issue of Vol. 10 of the *International Journal of Electronic Governance*, which accommodates our special issue on *Empowering Citizenship in the Hybrid City*. This special issue has been kindly guest-edited by Dimitris Charitos, University of Athens, Greece, Martijn de Waal, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands and Penny Travlou, University of Edinburgh, UK, and is dedicated to the memory of late colleague Armin Medosch, a brilliant researcher, artist and activist, whose work and ideas shall stay with us.

In the pages that follow our readers are warmly invited to find our guest editors' introduction to the special issue, together with the research articles of Armin Medosch and all of our contributors.

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

- *Privacy-Preserving, Secure, Intelligent eGovernment Services*, guest-edited by Sokratis Katsikas, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway & University of Piraeus, Greece and Vasileios Zorkadis, Hellenic Data Protection Authority, Greece; and
- *Potential of Participatory Urban Planning and Governance*, guest-edited by Anastasia Stratigea, National Technical University of Athens, Greece and Beniamino Murgante, University of Basilicata, Italy.

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 and upcoming ones.

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 that reach out to bridge public governance with society and innovation, we are constantly looking out for regular contributions and

special issues on emerging topics. And we continue to provide our readership with coverage of news and upcoming conferences of interest to the broader electronic governance constituency, in our news in brief and conference calendar columns, respectively.

Last but not least, following up on our book reviews column, we are glad to present the review of one more title: *Public Participation for 21st Century Democracy* by Tina Nabatchi and Matt Leighninger (authors), published by Jossey-Bass (2015), providing a systematic and inclusive treatment of concepts and methods of public participation, as well as a discussion of perspectives and approaches for making citizens involved in a multitude of public domains.

Leaving the floor to our guest editors, authors and columnists, we gladly invite you to read on and peruse the special issue introduction, research articles, news in brief, conference calendar and book reviews that follow.