Editorial Note

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We welcome our readership to this 3rd issue of Vol. 10 of the *International Journal of Electronic Governance*, which accommodates research articles on a number of themes from the journal's subject coverage.

In 'Study of e-governance implementation: a literature review using classification approach', Singh and Sahu present the results of a literature review in the area of electronic governance, followed by a classification approach which brings forward awareness; literacy; acceptability; legal issues; and digital transformations as main themes in which a considerable amount of research work has been performed already.

Taking up from this standpoint, two more research articles embark to discuss user-centric dimensions of e-governance projects at different levels, both in a South-East Asia geographical context. In 'Electronic passport system acceptance: an empirical study from Indonesia', Siringoringo and Valentine evaluate the website of passport services by the Government of Indonesia. Using a questionnaire-based survey and structural equation modelling for data analysis, the authors find that information quality, system quality and service quality are major factors influencing perceived ease of use of the online passport service. Srimuang et al. report on a different perspective of user-centricity in 'Development of an open government data assessment model: user-centric approach to identify the weighted components in Thailand'. In this paper, the authors survey current efforts on open government data assessment models, identifying a research gap in the relationship between such models and public sector enterprise architectures. In this respect, the authors propose an assessment model tailored to the national context of Thailand, constructed through a confirmation factor analysis approach on primary data of user-defined weights for different assessment components provided by interviewees from government management agencies.

Moving the focus further on to public sector stakeholders leads up to the next research article of our current issue, on 'Clarity of roles and responsibilities in interagency information sharing (IIS) projects: determinants and impact on success',

by Sayogo et al. In this work, the authors investigate clarity of roles and responsibilities aspects as determinants for the success of interagency information integration and sharing projects in the public sector. According to the authors' findings, use of boundary objects; communication skills; diversity of participating organisations; respect for autonomy; and exercise of formal authority all play an important role in clarifying responsibilities within such projects and making success more likely. Still, their exact influence may vary depending on the concept of success adopted by each project.

Still, the liaison between public sector projects and reforms is further explored in the concluding research paper of this issue, 'Digital democracy and public administration reform in Indonesia' by Kusumasari. In this paper, the author investigates whether digital democracy can operate in itself as a driver, rather than an outcome, of public administration reforms, especially in the case of Asia Pacific and middle-income countries. Taking a qualitative research approach based on documentation analysis, fieldwork and interviews, the author provides findings in support of the view that digital democracy reforms may indeed help build a new culture in digital innovation and thus facilitate exchange between public sector and society stakeholders, which can in turn lay the grounds for further administrative reforms.

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

- *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; and

- *Privacy-Preserving, Secure, Intelligent eGoverment 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.

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: *Critical Theory and Social Media, Between Emancipation and Commodification* by Thomas Allmer (author), published by Routledge (2015), taking a critical research perspective towards social media, to investigate whether and how the latter may in effect contribute to the emancipation of people and to the emergence of new commons.

We gladly invite you to read on and peruse the research articles, news in brief, conference calendar and book reviews that follow.