
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.



5 September, 2018

Is the Government More Entrepreneurial Than You Think?

<http://freakonomics.com/podcast/mariana-mazzucato/>

7 September, 2018

How Smart Should a City Be? Toronto Is Finding Out

<https://www.citylab.com/design/2018/09/how-smart-should-a-city-be-toronto-is-finding-out/569116/>

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Guns and Civic Tech: How Students Disrupt the Government

<http://beeckcenter.georgetown.edu/guns-civic-tech-how-students-disrupt-government/>

10 September, 2018

NNIP's Resource Guide to Data Governance and Security

<https://www.neighborhoodindicators.org/library/catalog/nnips-resource-guide-data-governance-and-security>

10 September, 2018

Don't Forget People in the Use of Big Data for Development

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-018-06215-5>

11 September, 2018

Will Civic Tech Save Government from Its Tech Talent Crisis?

<https://fcw.com/blogs/lectern/2018/09/kelman-civic-tech-talent.aspx>

12 September, 2018

Diversity in Innovation: Towards Inclusive Innovation?

<https://www.oecd-opsi.org/diversity-in-innovation-towards-inclusive-innovation/>

13 September, 2018

Tanzania's Government is Casting Itself as the Nation's Sole Custodian of Data

<https://qz.com/africa/1389147/tanzanias-magufuli-bans-data-publication-without-government-ok/>

13 September, 2018

FOI for Councils: Hackney Goes Live

<https://www.mysociety.org/2018/09/13/foi-for-councils-hackney-goes-live/>

14 September, 2018

White House Silent about Missing United States Open Government Plan

<https://e-pluribusunum.org/2018/09/14/white-house-silent-after-about-missing-united-states-open-government-plan/>

14 September, 2018

Creating Knowledge and Supporting Action: Citizen-Generated Evidence from Food Diaries in Uganda

<https://www.iied.org/creating-knowledge-supporting-action-citizen-generated-evidence-food-diaries-uganda>

17 September, 2018

Data-Driven Government: The Role of Chief Data Officers

<http://www.businessofgovernment.com/report/data-driven-government-role-chief-data-officers>

17 September, 2018

To Secure Knowledge: Social Science Partnerships for the Common Good

<https://www.ssrc.org/to-secure-knowledge/>

18 September, 2018

Building Block(Chain)s for a Better Planet

<https://www.pwc.com/gx/en/sustainability/assets/blockchain-for-a-better-planet.pdf> [pdf]

18 September, 2018

Getting Smart About Trash: Local Governments are Turning to Data-Driven Tools to Meet Growing Waste Management Challenges

<http://www.governing.com/blogs/bfc/col-data-driven-tools-waste-management.html>

19 September, 2018

The Rush for Data Risks Growing the North-South Divide

<https://www.scidev.net/global/data/opinion/the-rush-for-data-risks-growing-the-north-south-divide.html>

20 September, 2018

Mission Failure: Exposing the Problems of Policy Schools Can Ignite New Ways to Realize the Mission of Educating Public Servants in the 21st Century

https://ssir.org/articles/entry/mission_failure#

20 September, 2018

New Toolkit Helps Governments Vet 'Black Box' Algorithms for Bias

<https://statescoop.com/new-toolkit-helps-governments-vet-black-box-algorithms-for-bias>

20 September, 2018

Women and Leadership 2018: Wide Gender and Party Gaps in Views about the State of Female Leadership and the Obstacles Women Face

<http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2018/09/20/women-and-leadership-2018/>

21 September, 2018

Plugged In: How Social Action is Organised, Influenced and Encouraged on Social Media

<https://www.demos.co.uk/project/plugged-in/>

24 September, 2018

Digital Deceit II: A Policy Agenda to Fight Disinformation on the Internet

<https://www.newamerica.org/public-interest-technology/reports/digital-deceit-ii/executive-summary/>

25 September, 2018

Artificial Intelligence & Human Rights: Opportunities & Risks

<https://cyber.harvard.edu/publication/2018/artificial-intelligence-human-rights>

27 September, 2018

Open Data Demand: Toward an Open Data Demand Assessment and Segmentation Methodology

<http://thegovlab.org/open-data-demand-toward-an-open-data-demand-assessment-and-segmentation-methodology/>

27 September, 2018

To Turn the Open Data Revolution from Idea to Reality, We Need More Evidence

https://apolitical.co/solution_article/to-turn-the-open-data-revolution-from-idea-to-reality-we-need-more-evidence/

27 September, 2018

Right to Information: Knowledge is Power

https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/Right_to_information_knowledge_is_power

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.

- 100 Resilient Cities
<http://www.100resilientcities.org/>
- Accountability Initiative
<http://www.accountabilityindia.in>
- Advocate Europe
<https://advocate-europe.eu/>
- American Research Institute for Policy Development
<http://aripd.org>
- Amnesty International
<https://www.amnesty.org/en/>
- apolitical
<https://apolitical.co/>
- Arab Information and Communication Technologies Organization
<http://www.aicto.org/>
- Arab Reform Initiative
<http://www.arab-reform.net/en>
- ASEAN Smart Cities Network
<https://www.asean2018.sg/Newsroom/ASCN>
- Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation
<https://ash.harvard.edu/>
- Australian Public Service Commission
<https://www.apsc.gov.au/>
- Beeck Center Social Impact + Innovation, Georgetown University
<http://beeckcenter.georgetown.edu/>
- Black Sea NGO Forum
<http://www.blackseango.org/>
- Blavatnik School of Government
<https://www.bsg.ox.ac.uk/>
- Books & ideas | Politics
<http://www.booksandideas.net/+-Politique+.html>
- C40 Financing Sustainable Cities Initiative
<https://www.c40.org/>
- 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>
- Child Soldiers International
<https://www.child-soldiers.org/>
- Civicist
<https://civichall.org/civicist/>
- Civil Service Quarterly blog
<https://quarterly.blog.gov.uk/>
- Danube University Krems Center for E-Governance
<http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/en/departament/gpa/telematik/index.php>

- Democracy Barometer
<http://www.democracybarometer.org/index.html>
- Democracy Earth
<https://words.democracy.earth/>
- Demos Think Tank
<http://www.demos.co.uk>
- Digital Civil Society Lab
<https://medium.com/the-digital-civil-society-lab>
- DW Akademie Digital Innovation Library
<http://akademie.dw.com/innovationlibrary/>
- 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>
- Engagement Lab @ Emerson College
<https://elab.emerson.edu/>
- 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>
- ESADEgov Center for Public Governance
<http://www.esade.edu/research-webs/eng/esadegov>
- European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA)
<http://www.alda-europe.eu/newSite/>
- European Citizen Action Service (ECAS)
<http://ecas.org/>
- European Green Cities Network
<http://greencities.eu/home-1>
- European Network of Living Labs
<https://enoll.org/>
- European Youth Forum
<https://www.youthforum.org/>
- Global Forest Watch
<http://www.globalforestwatch.org/>
- Global Open Data Index
<https://index.okfn.org/>
- GovLab Digest @ NYU
<http://thegovlab.org/govlab-digest>
- Harvard University Berkman Center for Internet and Society
<http://cyber.law.harvard.edu>
- Human Rights Watch
<https://www.hrw.org/>
- IBM Center for Cognitive Government
<http://www-01.ibm.com/industries/government/ieg/ccg/index.html>
- INSEIT - International Society for Ethics and Information Technology
<https://inseit.net/>
- Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA)
<http://www.idea.int/>
- Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis
<http://www.governanceinstitute.edu.au/>
- Institute for the Future
<http://www.iftf.org/>

- Institute of Development Studies
<http://www.ids.ac.uk>
- International Institute for Environment and Development
<https://www.iied.org/>
- International Observatory on Participatory Democracy
<https://www.oidp.net/en/>
- ITMO University e-Government Center
<http://egov.ifmo.ru/en/about>
- Kettering Foundation
<https://www.kettering.org/>
- Knowledge Base of UN Public Service Awards Initiatives
<https://publicadministration.un.org/en/Research/Case-Studies/unpsacases>
- Landesa Rural Development Institute
<https://www.landesa.org/>
- MIT Innovation Initiative
<https://innovation.mit.edu/>
- Mohammed Bin Rashid Centre for Government Innovation
<https://www.mbrcgi.gov.ae/>
- MySociety
<http://www.mysociety.org>
- National Endowment for Democracy
<http://www.ned.org>
- New Zealand Government Web Toolkit
<https://webtoolkit.govt.nz/>
- Notre Dame Global Adaptation Index
<http://index.gain.org/>
- NTEN – Nonprofit Technology Network
<https://www.nten.org/>
- Observatory of Public Sector Innovation
<https://www.oecd.org/governance/observatory-public-sector-innovation/>
- 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/>
- OECD-OPSI Curated Innovation Toolkits
<https://airtable.com/shr5ihDeNVvqehAi6/tbl1tMziqEn94IdHw>
- OGP CitizENGAGE
<https://www.ogpstories.org/>
- Open & Agile Smart Cities
<http://oascities.org/>
- Open Contracting Partnership
<https://medium.com/@opencontracting>
- 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>
- Overseas Development Institute
<https://www.odi.org/>
- Oxford Internet Institute
<http://www.oii.ox.ac.uk>
- Oxford Refugee Studies Centre
<https://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/>
- P2P Foundation
<http://p2pfoundation.net>

- Participatory Budgeting Project
<https://www.participatorybudgeting.org/>
- Participatory Methods for social change
<http://www.participatorymethods.org/>
- Participatory Politics Foundation
<http://www.participatorypolitics.org/>
- Pew Research Center Internet Project
<http://www.pewinternet.org>
- Prague Civil Society Center
<https://praguecivilsociety.org/>
- Public Agenda
<https://publicagenda.org/>
- Red Latinoamericana por la Transparencia Legislativa
<http://www.transparencialegislativa.org>
- Refworld – The Leader in Refugee Decision Support
<http://www.refworld.org/>
- Rights + Resources Initiative
<https://rightsandresources.org/>
- Rutgers SPAA E-Governance Institute
<https://spaa.newark.rutgers.edu/centers-egov>
- SmartCities DIVE
<http://www.smartcitiesdive.com/>
- Source Network
<http://thesourcenetwork.eu/>
- Stanford Crowdsourced Democracy Team
<http://voxpopuli.stanford.edu/>
- Sunlight Foundation
<http://sunlightfoundation.com/>
- TED topical page on Innovation
<https://www.ted.com/topics/innovation>
- The Australian Centre for Social Innovation (TACSI)
<http://tacsi.org.au/>
- The B Team
<http://www.bteam.org/>
- The Commons Transition Primer
<https://primer.commonstransition.org/>
- The Global Innovation Index
<https://www.globalinnovationindex.org/>
- The Hunger Project
<http://www.thp.org/>
- The Innovation Policy Platform
<https://www.innovationpolicyplatform.org/>
- The Institute for Government
<https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/>
- 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/>
- UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency
<http://www.unhcr.org/>
- 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>

- Urban Institute Social and Economic Policy Research
<https://www.urban.org/>
- Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem)
<https://www.v-dem.net/en/>
- Who Funds You
<http://whofundyou.org/>
- Women Research Institute
<http://www.wri.or.id/>
- Women's World Banking
<https://www.womensworldbanking.org/>
- World Bank Group
<http://www.worldbank.org>
- World Council on City Data
<http://www.dataforcities.org/>
- World Economic Forum WEFLIVE Platform
<https://365.weflive.com/>
- World Forum for Democracy
<http://www.coe.int/en/web/world-forum-democracy>
- World Inequality Report
<http://wir2018.wid.world/>
- World Internet Project
<http://worldinternetproject.com>
- World Justice Project
<https://worldjusticeproject.org/>
- World Movement for Democracy
<http://www.movedemocracy.org/>
- World Resources Institute
<http://www.wri.org/>
- World Summit on the Information Society
<http://www.itu.int/wsis/index.html>
- World Values Survey
<http://www.worldvaluessurvey.org/>
- World Vision International
<https://www.wvi.org/>