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## Editorial Note

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It is with great pleasure that we welcome our readers to this double issue that concludes the 11th volume of the *International Journal of Electronic Governance*, featuring the special issue on *Privacy-Preserving, Secure, Intelligent E-Government 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.

During 2020, IJEG will continue with alternating regular and special issues, with respective calls for papers to be announced. In this respect, we invite all our readers and contributors to check our <http://www.inderscience.com/info/ingeneral/cfplist.php?jcode=ijeg> call for papers page for upcoming calls for submissions to IJEG.

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 electronic governance with public value innovation, and so much so innovation for the sustainable development goals agenda, be it through digital government, open government, public participation, social solidarity, humanitarian technology and innovation, we are constantly looking out for regular contributions and special issues on emerging topics. And we continue to provide our readership with a 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, we are glad to continue in our current issue with our Book Reviews column, with a review of one more title: *Handbook of Digital Politics*, a collective volume edited by Stephen Coleman and Deen Freelon and published by Edward Elgar Publishing (2015), featuring a series of chapters that embrace a spectrum of approaches to the ways that politics is realised and thought of through the advent of digital information, technologies and media. This title, alongside a number of others that have already appeared in our book reviews department, helps bring forward the

interconnections that exist between the multi-faceted domains of electronic governance and public action.

Leaving the floor to our guest editors for their own invited introduction, we welcome you to read on and peruse the special issue research articles, news in brief, conference calendar and book review that follow.