

Call for Track Proposals

dg.o 2021: 22nd Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research

Conference Theme

Digital Innovations for Public Values: Inclusive Collaboration and Community

College of Public Affairs and Community Service
University of Nebraska at Omaha
Omaha, Nebraska
United States of America
June 9-11, 2021

<http://dgsociety.org/dgo-2021/> (forthcoming)

The Digital Government Society (DGS) announces the 22nd Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research - dg.o 2021, with a theme "**Digital Innovations for Public Values: Inclusive Collaboration and Community.**" dg.o 2021 will be hosted by the Digital Governance and Analytics Lab, the School of Public Administration, the Center for Public Affairs Research, and the College of Public Affairs and Community Service at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska in the United States of America on June 9-11, 2021. The dg.o conferences are an established forum for presentation, discussion, and demonstration of interdisciplinary research on digital government, civic engagement, technology innovation, applications, and practice. Each year the conference brings together scholars recognized for the interdisciplinary and innovative nature of their work, their contributions to theory and practice, their focus on important and timely topics and the quality of their writing.

THEMES & TOPICS:

The 22nd Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research (dg.o 2021) will feature the main theme of "**Digital Innovations for Public Values: Inclusive Collaboration and Community.**" Public values – such as efficiency, equity, transparency, privacy, security, trust, etc. -- serve as the compass and goals for the development and implementation of digital innovations for public service. Recent developments in digital innovations — such as artificial intelligence, IoT, blockchain, social networking platforms, 5G, etc.— offer strategic opportunities for public value creation. These digital innovations are tools for us to solve monumental challenges facing our society such as pandemics, climate change, and sustainable development. More importantly, there is a return to focus on societal needs and values to guide digital innovations and to move away from technology push only for the sake of innovations.

Specifically, the conference aims to advance research and practice of public value creation via digital innovations by leveraging collaboration and community-oriented solutions in an inclusive manner. Collaboration can span the boundaries of individuals, organizations, sectors (public, private, and voluntary), and national borders in the forms such as data and technology collaboratives, public-private partnership, and regional or global technology standards and policies. Communities can take on a virtual, physical, or blended form with a local, national, or global reach such as people's local communities and our global community of the Digital Government Society (DGS). Community is also about taking a holistic (community-as-a-whole) approach to integrating digital innovations such as smart city and intelligent government. Inclusivity is about bridging socioeconomic and digital divides in governance such as inclusive

civic engagement and e-participation. Inclusivity also entails openness, transparency, and leveraging digital means to engage community members for public value creation.

During the past twenty-one years, the dg.o conferences have been at the forefront of digital governance transformations. In its 22nd anniversary, the dg.o 2021 conference will build in past themes to advance our knowledge about the creation of public values via digital innovations with particular focus on inclusivity, collaboration, and community. The dg.o 2021 theme on the digital innovations for public values connects with established tracks featured at past dg.o conferences, such as:

- Public value creation and innovation
- Social media and government
- Organizational factors, technology adoption, and digital government impacts
- Opening government: from open data infrastructures to collaboration
- Engagement in government
- Smart cities: models and platforms
- Cybersecurity and government
- Beyond bureaucracy, co-producing governance & new models of governance
- Open government data policies & politics
- Blockchain and transformational government

We encourage past track chairs to update and submit their track. In addition, we invite new tracks to address existing and emerging research challenges related to the dg.o 2021 theme on digital innovation for public values. General potential topics are but not limited to:

- Digital Innovations for Inclusive Collaboration
- Collaborative Intelligence: Humans, Crowds, and Machines
- Digital Innovations in Community Engagement
- Intelligent and Inclusive Society
- Digital Social Innovation
- E-participation
- Digital Innovations for Transparency
- Emerging Technologies and Public Policy
- Artificial Intelligence for Policy Making and Public Services
- Digital Technologies and Nonprofit Organizations

Tracks should be related to digital government, but do not have to be limited to the conference theme. The highly successful track proposals will be selected, based on the reputation of the track chairs in the proposed field, successful track performance in the past, novelty, coherence of the topics covered in alignment with the digital government themes that are of interest to the research and practitioner communities. We also welcome new tracks that were not featured in the past.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMATS:

Submit track proposals using the [proposal template](#) via

- **Email to:** Yu-Che Chen yuchen@nomaha.edu, Luis Luna-Reyes lluna-reyes@albany.edu, Marijn Janssen - TBM M.F.W.H.A.Janssen@tudelft.nl

Submission of your track proposal should complete the proposal template and indicate:

- The title of the track
- Track chairs (multiple track chairs are encouraged to attract more submissions, cover diverse aspects and ensure attendance during meetings and conference)
- Summary of track goals and motivation, including a list of topics.

- Evidence of track chairs' effort or research in the proposed area.

Track Proposal Submission and Decision Deadlines:

September 4, 2020: Track proposals due
 September 18, 2020: Acceptance notification for tracks
 September 30, 2020: First call for papers for all tracks

Track chair eligibility: At the time of track proposal, the chairs should be reminded for the following eligibility criteria to be accepted as a track.

- 1) Track chairs should be a member of the DGS at the point of acceptance.
- 2) You can only be a track chair in one track.

The track chairs are responsible for the following conference organization activities:

- attend the online monthly organization meetings
- monitor the submitted track papers and to oversee the review of the submitted papers
- propose to accept/reject papers for the track
- select and nominate the best paper in their respective track for the best paper award
- communicate with the Program Committee (PC) and Organization chairs of the paper submission and selection status
- plan track sessions to support PC chairs, and assign the session chairs of the track
- write a brief summary of the conference activity for the track for inclusion in the dgs newsletter.
- register and attend the conference
- identify good/best papers to be submitted to the GIQ dg.o special issue (organized by the program chairs) or to a special issue for other affiliated journals (organized by track chairs).

Opportunities for Journal Special Issues

Track chairs may be able to edit a special issue based on their track papers. Some possible venues include but not limited to:

- Government Information Quarterly
- Digital Government: Research and Practice
- Transforming Government: People, Process and Policy
- International Journal of E-Government Research
- Information Polity
- International Journal of E-Planning Research
- International Journal of Public Administration in the Digital Age

We look forward to receiving your proposals.

Conference Chairs

Yu-Che Chen, University of Nebraska at Omaha, USA
 Luis Luna-Reyes, University of Albany, USA
 Marijn Janssen, Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands

Conference Program (PC) Chairs

JooHo Lee, University of Nebraska at Omaha, USA
 Gabriela Viale Pereira, Danube University Krems, Austria
 Sungsoo Hwang, Yeungnam University, Korea