

## Call for Track Proposals

### dg.o 2023: 24<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research

#### Building safe and secure cross-border public services

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The Digital Government Society (DGS) announces the 24th Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research - dg.o 2023 on "**Building safe and secure cross-border public services**". dg.o 2023 will be hosted by the Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies, University of Tartu, Estonia, on June 18 - 22, 2023. 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 24<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research (dg.o 2023) will feature the main theme of "Building safe and secure cross-border public services". As the European Parliament and Council adopted the regulation establishing a single digital gateway on 11 December 2018, it set Europe on a very clear path of digital transformation, planned to be fully implemented by the end of 2023. This transformative change will greatly enhance the development of cross-border services as by then all national online procedures will have to be made fully accessible to cross-border users. In addition, the 'once-only principle' will be applied to cross-border exchanges of evidence for a range of procedures. All of this cannot be achieved and developed further without extensive collaboration between private and public sectors. Society and technology co-evolves and we are looking for new balance between them. Specifically, the conference aims to advance research and practice in this field.

During the past twenty-three years, the dg.o conferences have been at the forefront of digital governance transformations. In its 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the dg.o 2023 conference will build in past themes to advance our knowledge about the creation of public values via digital innovations with particular focus on cross-border digital public services. Next to the track pioneered at dgo 2022, other 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 governance
- \* 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 digital government. 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.

#### **SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMATS:**

- \* Prepare the track proposal using the template available here  
<<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nKGpxeqoXJwE6wXLPGb6ubSE5apPiVb/edit?usp=sharing&oid=110220846902616332749&rtpof=true&sd=true>>
- \* email your proposal to Robert Krimmer – [robert.krimmer@ut.ee](mailto:robert.krimmer@ut.ee)

The submission of your track proposal should be based on the above template, including:

- \* 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:**

August 15 2022: Track proposals due  
August 22, 2022: Acceptance notification for tracks  
September 1, 2022: 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
- \* Internet Policy Review
- \* 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

Robert Krimmer, University of Tartu, Estonia

Marijn Janssen, Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands

Helen K. Liu, National Taiwan University

#### Conference Program (PC) Chairs

Mihkel Solvak, Tartu University, Estonia

Hsin-Chung Liao, National Chengchi University, Taiwan

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