

## **EGOV2024 – eGovernment, eDemocracy, and eParticipation**

**1-5 September**

**Ghent & Leuven, Belgium**

<http://dgsociety.org/egov-2024/>

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

EGOV2024 is a scientific conference dedicated to the broader areas of eGovernment, eDemocracy, and eParticipation which include facets like Digital Government, Open Government, Smart Government, AI Governance, GovTech, Algorithmic Governance, and related topics to digitalization in the public sector.

Conference sessions will be hosted 3-5 September in **Leuven** by the KU Leuven.

As part of the conference, the University of Ghent hosts a PhD colloquium and a Junior Faculty School in **Ghent** on 1-2 September. The PhD Colloquium is a full day event on 1 September, open only for those who are admitted and offers a limited number of PhD bursaries. The Junior Faculty School is a full day event on 2 September, for sharing experiences to advance the career of young researchers interested in digitalization and government (see conference website for more information).

Several types of submissions are possible, including completed research, ongoing research, reflections & viewpoints, posters, panels, and workshops. These submission types follow different review processes and have different publication outlets. We welcome interdisciplinary approaches to the conference topics and a variety of research approaches (conceptual, case study, survey, mixed or other suitable methods).

The conference is organized by the IFIP 8.5 Working group on Information Systems in Public Administration (IFIP WG 8.5) and the Digital Government Society (DGS). The aim of WG 8.5 is to improve the quality of e-government information systems at international, national, regional and local levels. The emphasis is on interdisciplinary approaches for researching information systems in public administration. DGS is a global, multi-disciplinary organization of scholars and practitioners interested in the development and impacts of digital government.

### **CONFERENCE VENUE**

The EGOV 2024 conference is hosted by the University of Ghent and by the KU Leuven in Belgium.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- (Hard) deadline for submissions (anonymous- camera ready): 15 March 2024
- Notification of acceptance: 1 May 2024
- PhD Colloquium deadline for submissions: 1 May 2024
- Poster submission deadline (non-anonymous-camera ready): 15 May 2024
- Poster acceptance 31 May 2024
- Camera-ready paper submission and author registration: 15 June 2024
- PhD Colloquium notification of acceptance: 3 June 2024
- Junior Faculty School deadline for application: 3 June 2024
- Junior Faculty School notification of acceptance: 10 June 2024

- PhD Colloquium final version: 1 July 2024
- PhD Colloquium: 1 September 2024 (in Ghent)
- Junior Faculty School: 2 September 2024 (in Ghent)
- Conference Sessions: 3-5 September 2024 (in Leuven)

### CONFERENCE CHAIRS

- Ida Lindgren, Linköping University, Sweden
- Joep Crompvoets, KU Leuven, Belgium
- Csaba Csáki, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary
- Lieselot Danneels, Ghent University, Belgium
- J. Ramon Gil-Garcia, University at Albany, State University of New York, USA
- Sara Hofmann, University of Agder, Norway
- Marijn Janssen, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands
- Marius Rohde Johannessen, University of South-Eastern Norway
- Thomas Lampoltshammer, University for Continuing Education, Austria
- Habin Lee, Brunel University London, United Kingdom
- Anastasija Nikiforova, Tartu University, Estonia
- Peter Parycek, Fraunhofer Fokus, Germany / University for Continuing Education, Austria
- Gabriela Viale Pereira, University for Continuing Education, Austria
- Gerhard Schwabe, University of Zurich, Switzerland
- Anthony Simonofski, University of Namur, Belgium
- Efthimios Tambouris, University of Macedonia, Greece
- Jolien Ubacht, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands

### TRACKS AT EGOV2024

**General eGovernment & Open Government Track:** covers all eGovernment-related topics except for the special-topics tracks.

- Marijn Janssen, Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands
- Gabriela Viale Pereira, University for Continuing Education, Austria
- Ida Lindgren, Linköping University, Sweden

**General eDemocracy & eParticipation Track:** covers all eParticipation-related topics except for the special-topic tracks. This track aims to present the best of recent developments in electronic participation and electronic democracy as they cover a wide range of technical, political and social areas.

- Marius Rohde Johannessen, University of South-Eastern Norway
- Noella Edelmann, University for Continuing Education, Austria
- David Duenas-Cid, Kozminski University, Poland

**Digital Technologies & Sustainability Development Track:** focuses on research related to sustainability goals.

- Jolien Ubacht, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands
- Iryna Sussha, Utrecht University, The Netherlands
- Gianluca Misuraca, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain

**Digital Society Track:** focuses on citizen-centric governance in the public sector, including digital ecosystems, digital skills and education, digital public health, digital sovereignty, as well as digital society, culture, and democracy.

- Thomas Lampoltshammer, University for Continuing Education, Austria
- Katarina L. Gidlund, Mid Sweden University, Sweden
- Lieselot Danneels, Ghent University, Belgium

**Emerging Issues and Innovations Track:** focuses on innovation and emerging applications driven by technologies and institutional changes at all levels of government, e.g., metaverse, decentralized autonomous organizations, smart contracts, blockchain and quantum computing.

- Anastasija Nikiforova, Tartu University, Estonia
- Marijn Janssen, Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands
- Francesco Mureddu, The Lisbon Council, Belgium

**AI, Data Analytics, & Automated Decision Making Track:** focuses on adoption, use, and impacts of various data analytics and AI methods ranging from visualisations and descriptive statistical analyses to machine learning and other AI methods in the public sector.

- Habin Lee, Brunel University London, United Kingdom
- Euripidis Loukis, University of Aegean, Greece
- Evangelos Kalampokis, University of Macedonia, Greece

**AI Governance and its Societal Challenges Track:** focuses on the understanding of the impact of AI on society and the role of the public sector in influencing related changes, as well as the regulation and global governance of AI itself.

- Csaba Csáki, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary
- Roel Dobbe, Delft University of Delft, The Netherlands
- Gregor Eibl, University for Continuing Education Krems, Austria

**Smart Cities (Government, Districts, Communities & Regions) Track:** covers all aspects of smart cities and smart governance, including frameworks, policies, and the use of technology.

- Joep Crompvoets, KU Leuven, Belgium
- Manuel Pedro Rodríguez Bolívar, University of Granada, Spain
- Shefali Virkar, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

**Open Data: Social and Technical Aspects Track:** focuses on open government data, public big data sharing and use, data for improving public value including transparency, as well as data analytics capitalizing on Linked Open Data and other technologies.

- J. Ramon Gil-Garcia, University at Albany, State University of New York, USA
- Efthimios Tambouris, University of Macedonia, Greece
- Anneke Zuiderwijk, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands

**Digital and Social Media Track:** focuses on social networking and knowledge sharing applications, interfaces between governments and their respective publics, digital collaborations within public organizations and across governance networks.

- Sara Hofmann, University of Agder, Norway
- Panos Panagiotopoulos, Queen Mary University of London, UK

**Governance, Digital Legislation, and Policy Track:** focuses on digital governance, digital legislation, regulatory reforms, and policies that shape our increasingly interconnected world, e.g.,

digital sovereignty, data ownership, digitization projects within government administrations, and the legal challenges that emerge.

- Peter Parycek, Fraunhofer Fokus, Germany / University for Continuing Education, Austria
- Anna-Sophie Novak, University for Continuing Education, Austria
- Edimara M. Luciano, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

**Practitioners - Researchers Collaboration Track:** This is a new track entirely devoted to presenting future or ongoing initiatives to foster collaboration between practitioners and researchers in eGovernment.

- Anthony Simonofski, University of Namur, Belgium
- Ulf Melin, Linköping University, Sweden
- Francesco Mureddu, Lisbon Council, Belgium

**PhD Colloquium:** The overall aim of the PhD colloquium is to connect PhD students to the eGovernment, eDemocracy, and eParticipation research community. During the colloquium, you will meet other PhD students, younger researchers that have just finished their PhDs, and more experienced scholars. Submitted proposals will not be published. Application required (see conference website).

- Gabriela Viale Pereira, University for Continuing Education, Austria
- Ramon Gil-Garcia, University at Albany, USA
- Ida Lindgren, Linköping University, Sweden

**Junior Faculty School:** The overall aim of the Junior Faculty School is to exchange experiences and build connections between young and experienced scholars interested in digitalization in the public sector. The activity is directed towards PhD students, postdoctoral-, and young researchers who are registered for the full conference. Application required (see conference website).

- Gabriela Viale Pereira, University for Continuing Education, Austria
- Ramon Gil-Garcia, University at Albany, USA
- Ida Lindgren, Linköping University, Sweden

## TYPES OF PUBLICATIONS

By making a submission to the EGOV2024 conference you agree that your paper will not be submitted elsewhere and if accepted that the conference fee will be paid and the consent to publish will be signed. All papers will undergo a rigorous double-blind reviewing process and the submission should not include author identifiers.

Please note that all accepted submissions to the EGOV2024 conference will be screened for possible plagiarism. To support this policy, conference organizers will make use of the plagiarism detection tool, Turnitin. Further information about this software can be found at [www.turnitin.com/](http://www.turnitin.com/)

Accepted **Full Research papers** (max. 16 pages) will be published in the Springer LNCS IFIP EGOV or IFIP EPART proceedings. The EGOV proceeding's covers the general e-Government & Open Government, Emerging Issues and Innovations, Smart Cities, AI, Data Analytics and Automated Decision Making, and Open Data tracks, whereas the EPART proceedings will cover the general E-Democracy & e-Participation, ICT & Sustainable development goals, Legal Informatics, Social Media and Digital Society tracks. The Springer Lecture Notes in Computer Science (LNCS) is a series of computer science books published by Springer Science+Business Media (formerly Springer-Verlag)

since 1973. The LNCS proceedings are always well-downloaded and read.

Accepted papers in the categories of **Ongoing Research** (max. 10 pages), Reflections and Viewpoints (max. 6 pages), Practitioner Papers (max. 8 pages), projects (max. 8 pages), workshops (max. 2 pages), panel proposals (max. 2 pages), and posters (max. 2 pages) will be published (but, if desired, can be excluded) by in the CEUR-WS proceedings series (<http://ceur-ws.org/>). The CEUR Proceedings (CEUR-WS.org) is a free open-access publication service at Sun SITE Central Europe operated under the umbrella of RWTH Aachen University. CEUR-WS.org is a recognized ISSN publication series. Please note that PhD colloquium papers will not be published.

### **CONFERENCE SPECIAL ISSUE**

A special issue from conference papers is planned by the eJournal of eDemocracy and Open Government (JeDEM) among other journals. JeDEM is published online under open access and provides researchers and practitioners the opportunity to advance the practice and understanding of eDemocracy, eGovernment, and eParticipation. Final decisions on papers will be made by the special issue guest editor based on the results of the peer review process.

### **BEST PAPER AWARD**

There are three different best paper awards. The best paper winners will be invited to submit their revised papers to GIQ, the premier journal in e-government field, following a fast-track reviewing process, runners up will be invited to submit to a JeDEM special issue.

- Manuel Pedro Rodríguez Bolívar, University of Granada, Spain
- Evangelos Kalampokis, University of Macedonia, Greece
- Noella Edelmann, University for Continuing Education, Austria

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