

Introduction to Digital Government Theory: Development, Integration, and Application Minitrack

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Digital Government, formerly also referred to as electronic government or e-government, has evolved tremendously over the last few decades. The Digital Government Reference Library contains more than 10,500 peer-reviewed publications. This multi-disciplinary study domain benefits from researchers and practitioners from diverse fields, including but not limited to public administration, information systems, information science, and political science. As the domain matures, it is useful for scholars and other stakeholders to examine the state of the body of knowledge. To this end, several key questions emerge. Given the applied nature of e-government, what is the role of theory? What are the fundamental theoretical contributions to or from e-government discipline, if any? What is the appropriate balance of theory and practice in this domain of study? What are the reference disciplines for e-government, if any? Does e-government have, or shall e-government have, a “home” (anchor) discipline? Is e-government (can, or shall, it evolve into) its own discipline? What relevance

does the e-government body of knowledge have to practice?

The purpose of this minitrack is to explore the role of theory development in this applied discipline. We hope to receive submissions from scholars with diverse views on the current status of the domain and the role of theory development in it. We welcome submissions on varied topics, such as:

- Digital Government Theory Development
- The Role of Theory Development and Theory Integration in Digital Government
- Fundamental Digital Government Theories
- The Status of the Digital Government Domain (discipline, or not?)
- The Future of Digital Government Research
- Digital Government Research Methodologies
- Digital Government Reference Disciplines, if any
- Multi-disciplinary studies in Digital Government
- Inter-disciplinary studies in Digital Government