What began with radio and television as tools to help improve the lives of marginalized communities has become a global movement of people using computers, the internet, and mobile devices to help human development. Information and communication technologies for development (ICTD) have become more accessible, more used, and more relevant than ever in the lives of people around the world. A growing body of scholars and researchers work to understand, design, evaluate and critique ICTD interventions, which can bring numerous benefits as well as unanticipated negative consequences to those affected.

The field of ICTD is essentially interdisciplinary. It has been going through a process of consolidation and maturation, and we invite submissions from a variety of perspectives and approaches, with contributions focused on topics such as (but not limited to):

- Successful approaches to human-centered design for development
- Strengthening theoretical contributions to ICTD
- Effective ways to incorporate gender in ICTD studies
- Design, policy and practice implications of ICTD experience
- Measuring the contribution and impact on ICTD for human development
- Social media in ICTD
- Contribution of ICTD to social justice
- and others

Rather than descriptions of case studies or experiences, we encourage reflection pieces that address the challenges and opportunities of the field, and point to ways forward as ICTD grows and consolidates as a field of study, whether in so called developing countries, or e-government context or not.

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