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Track: Digital Media: Content and Communication

Minitrack: Digital Divide/s and Inclusion/s

The minitrack calls for papers that study the digital divide in different levels, methods and perspectives. Possible investigations of the digital divide may focus on international, national, local, sector, communal, and individual level. Both empirical and theoretical papers are invited.

Potential contributions related to the digital divide may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Conceptualisation and theory of digital divide
- Digital divide versus digital spectrum
- Socio-demographic factors– gender, age, education, income, ethnic diversity, race diversity, language diversity, religiosity
- Social and governmental support – for example the use of supportive initiatives, policy and applications to bridge the gap, or how society and community impact eInclusion
- Access and technology – infrastructure factors
- Affordability
- Use – skills, frequency and time, locus, autonomy of use, what do users do online and for what purpose
- Accessibility focusing mainly in populations with special needs
- Measurements index – e-readiness, DiDix and more
- Comparative analysis of policy
- Comparative cross-country or cross-region research
- Country or region specific case studies

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