Track: Electronic Government

Minitrack: Emerging Topics

Since e-Government is a nascent academic field, its structure is still evolving. While initial emphases wither, new directions of practice and research are forming. Whereas some new trends in technology and management cut across existing perspectives, other new topics may have the potential to become a subfield in their own right. Furthermore, the research foundations of the field still need to be spelled out more explicitly and rigorously. New data is badly needed. More new topics and trends are emerging in e-Government, for which it may be difficult to locate a nurturing home in one of the existing minitracks within the e-Gov Track at HICSS. Therefore, the e-Government Emerging Topics minitrack provides a home for incubating those new topics and trends. Topics and research areas include but are not limited to:

- The conceptual and practice-based boundaries and foundations of the field of e-Government
- Agendas for e-Government research
- Foundations and research methodologies for the study of e-Government
- The nature of inter and multidisciplinary research designs in e-Government
- Natural disaster management & e-government policy
- Mobile Government: Challenges, opportunities, standards, and protocols
- Mobile voice/data integration
- Mobile to legacy/non-mobile application integration
- Web 2.0 and 3.0 in government
- Data-driven public policy and decision-making
- Cloud Computing
- Government’s role in open-source
- Archiving and Preservation of government records in digital form, in particular for small organizations
- IT, government, and an aging population
- Societal challenges and e-Government, for instance, societal aging
- Other topics as appropriate to the purposes of this minitrack

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