Workshop on E-Government Journals: Meet The Editors

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Abstract: Over the years, the academic domain of electronic government research (EGR) has developed its own core of journals, which cover the various aspects and areas of interest in EGR. While some journals apply a policy or an administrative perspective, others emphasize the information or information-systems perspective. The workshop is meant to help prospective authors understand and meet the expectations of the respective target audiences of EGR journals as well as the editorial policies of leading journals in the domain.

Target Group: very broad, for example, all prospective authors of academic EGR papers.

1 Overview

The workshop will introduce various journals, which play a role in the study domain of electronic government (EGR). In recent years a number of journals have been assessed as core journals in EGR including Elsevier's Government Information Quarterly (GIQ), IOS Press' Information Polity (IP), IGI Global's International Journal of Electronic Government Research (IJEGR), Emerald's Transforming Government: People, Process, Policy (TGPPP), and ACI's Electronic Journal of Electronic Government (ECEG). The editors in attendance will outline these journals' editorial policies and introduce the readerships' expectations.

2 Journal Standings and Rankings

As soon as an academic study domain has settled on a set of publication outlets, the questions becomes, "where shall a scholar in that domain publish her or his work?" While some decisions can be made based on topical orientation (for example, emphases on policy, technology, organization, etc), others might consider tenure and promotion aspects in their outlet selection. With the ascent of core journals in the EGR domain, those outlets now play an increasingly more important role in tenure and promotion cases. The workshop will also address the issues of journal evaluation, rankings, and topical orientation from the perspective of tenure and promotion.

3 Non-core Outlets in EGR

While in the early years journals of other fields were used to publish EGR studies, the need for using these outlets has diminished. Nevertheless some non-core journals still maintain some focus on EGR, although with little emphasis. The non-core journals and their role will also be discussed in this workshop.

4 The Role of Conferences in EGR

Some disciplines almost exclusively accept journals as the only adequate publication outlets and pay marginal attention to conferences, while other disciplines value conference proceedings far higher than journal publications. EGR with its three core conferences of HICSS EGOV, IFIP EGOV/IFIP ePart, and dg.o and its five or six core journals appears to have taken a middle ground. The workshop will discuss the relative role and importance of the core EGR conferences compared to the EGR journals.

5 Workshop Format

The workshop will contain short presentations and statements as well as (and for the most part) exchanges between the editors in attendance and the audience. The workshop will be ideal for scholars to better understand the differences in readerships and editorial orientations of the various core journals. The workshop ties in with a separate workshop on reviewing guidelines and standards.