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SPECIAL ISSUE ON *Reaching Beyond Bureaus: Perspectives and Challenges of Sustainable, Non-Bureaucratic Government*

International Journal of Public Administration in the Digital Age (IJPADA)

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### INTRODUCTION:

Can we govern without bureaus? Can we go beyond what human kind had so far in terms of governing societies – go beyond electing representatives every couple of years, who then steer the vast bureaucratic machinery which we perceive as "the state"? Can we use ICTs to enable humanity to fundamentally restructure the government of the public domain?

Think about it for a while: we're the first generation in human civilization, which has available a ripe set of ICTs. Never ever in human history before we could interact in a way we can do nowadays. Besides: ICTs have reached a level of maturity and penetration in the last ten years, which enables us to go truly beyond approaches we have seen so far.

In the last few decades we have seen radical transformation in telecommunications, in transport, logistics, credit transfer, navigation, etc., etc. But we haven't yet seen transformation in the government of public matters. Well, sure, we saw things like online tax returns, e-voting, open data. But, let's be frank - that's only using ICTs to imitate old principles of government, it's not reaching beyond bureaus.

### OBJECTIVE OF THE SPECIAL ISSUE:

This issue will contain at a proportion of 50%-75% the best papers received and presented in the corresponding "Beyond Bureaucracy" workshop (<http://research.apaulin.com/bb15/>), but it also invites independent articles, which will not be presented in this event (the remaining proportion).

This issue aims to present path-breaking visions, arguments and experiments towards self-managed government / community self-management enabled by the possibilities of the digital age. More specifically, it aims to answer the following questions:

- Can dislocated (potentially very large) groups of people make decisions about common assets or common matters, which do not need to be interpreted by institutions?
- Is it unavoidable to delegate decision-making to institutions (like parliaments, government agencies, ...)?
- How can a society self-organize its common budget (taxes etc.)?
- Are institutions to collect, govern, and redistribute public assets absolutely necessary or can exaction be done self-organized?

- Can core public-domain institutions be realized without central institutions?
- How can a society dynamically self-organize its public sector institutions / projects / programmes and bind them directly to collaborative decision making?
- What are the challenges of the electronic identity? How can we overcome them to reach a system that will provide sustainable global identification for centuries to come?
- Increased computerization of societal interactions comes with significant computing challenges. Can these be sufficiently addressed with classical computing approaches?
- What would be the architecture and organization of such a government?

RECOMMENDED TOPICS:

Topics to be discussed in this special issue include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Sustainable, Non-Bureaucratic Government
- E-government, open government and future government
- Liquid Democratic Collaborative Decision-Making
- Mass Online Deliberation
- Crowd sourcing
- Participatory Budgeting
- Self-Organized Virtual Communities
- Peer Production
- Virtual Communities
- Peer-to-Peer Credit Transfer, Virtual Currencies
- Sustainable e-Identity
- Sustainable Technology
- Historical Lessons of Self-Organization
  
- *Pro/Contra discussions on above topics*
- *Technologies that enable above topics*

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:

Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit papers for this special theme issue on **Reaching Beyond Bureaus: Perspectives and Challenges of Sustainable, Non-Bureaucratic Government on or before Aug. 10, 2015.**

All submissions must be original and may not be under review by another publication. INTERESTED AUTHORS SHOULD CONSULT THE JOURNAL'S GUIDELINES FOR MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSIONS at <http://www.igi-global.com/Files/AuthorEditor/guidelinessubmission.pdf>. All submitted papers will be reviewed on a double-blind, peer review basis. Papers must follow APA style for reference citations.

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### **Mission**

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Topics to be discussed in this journal include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Administrative law and IT
- Digital divide
- E-Governance
- E-Government
- Emergency management and IT
- Emerging technologies in the public sector
- Environment policy and IT
- Internet and public administration
- Leadership and IT
- Mobile technology and government
- Nonprofit fundraising and IT
- Nonprofit management and IT
- Political institutions and processes and IT adoption
- Public budgeting and finance and IT
- Public human resource management and information systems
- Public management and IT
- Public policy and IT
- Public sector organizational change and IT
- Urban management/planning and IT

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