

Editorial

2018 marks the start of a new era for the journal Information Polity. It will continue to publish world-class research on government, democracy and public services in the information age, and at the same time it will strive to realise its ambitious mission of cementing its place as the leading journal in its field.

To reinforce its place in the academic community the leadership of the journal has been strengthened. Professor Albert Meijer (Utrecht University, Netherlands) and Professor William Webster (University of Stirling, UK) have joined Professor Miriam Lips (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand) as Editors-in-Chief. The expansion in the number of Editors-in-Chief is intended to attract strong and varied contributions, to ensure a robust and vigorous review processes, and to boost the impact of the journal.

The editorial team has also been strengthened and diversified. In addition to the Editors-in-Chief and the Book Review Editor (Dr Karl Lofgren, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand), the editorial team will incorporate Associate Editors for different geographical regions. The new Associate Editors of Information Polity will be:

- Africa: Dr Adegboyega Ojo (National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland)
- Asia: Professor Heungsuk Choi (Korea University, Seoul, South Korea)
- Europe: Dr Frank Bannister (Trinity University, Dublin, Ireland)
- North America: Dr Mila Gasco (Center for Technology in Government, State University of New York at Albany, USA)
- Oceania: Dr Paul Henman (University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia)
- South America: Professor Maria Alexandra Cunha (Fundacao Gerulio Vargas, Sao Paulo, Brasil)

These changes in the leadership of the journal will help solidify its position as the top journal for critical social scientific publications concerning the diffusion and use of information and communication technologies in public service environments. We aim to bring together cutting-edge research from around the world and be the number one platform for academic discourse on this topic.

Within this ambitious aim are a number of important priorities for the future development of Information Polity: (1) to develop a strong international profile and global readership, (2) to establish a new emphasis on the value of research for practitioners, and (3) to provide a platform for contemporary debates about emerging issues in our field.

The basic format of the journal will not change, it will continue to publish four issues per year of high quality research focused articles, book reviews and country specific case studies, as well as discretely themed special issues. Information Polity will continue to retain its strong links to academic networks, including: the European Group of Public Administration (EGPA), the International Research Symposium for Public Management (IRSPM) and the Digital Government Society, as well as IOS Press's sister publication, the Innovation and the Public Sector book series.

We consider these changes to be an evolution in the development of Information Polity, changes which will ensure the long-term vitality of the journal. We strongly encourage the engagement of our readers and authors, and we would be delighted to receive suggestions about potential future contributions and

directions. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have ideas for papers or special issues. We will ensure you will get a speedy reply. Your ideas, efforts and contributions are crucial to the success of the journal!

Editors-in-Chief
Professor Albert Meijer
Professor William Webster
Professor Miriam Lips