



International Conference

2nd “Academic Days on Open Government & Digital Issues

Journées universitaires sur les enjeux du Gouvernement ouvert et du numérique”.

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Call for Papers

On November 14 & 15, 2017, IMODEV will hold the 2nd “Academic Days on Open Government & Digital Issues” at the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. This international event, organized by Irene Bouhadana and William Gilles, will be the 19th edition in a series of IMODEV international conferences on the Law and Governance of the Information Society.

This 2nd edition is the continuation of the 1st Academic days on Open Government Issues, held in December 2016, during the week dedicated to the Open Government Global Summit, hosted by France last year, as chair of Open Government Partnership. These Academic days aim to bring together all of academia concerned with issues related to open government by favoring a broad and multidisciplinary dimension.

One of the goals of the open government process is to promote greater transparency and encourage citizen participation and collaboration in government decision-making, but also to promote government accountability. In this perspective, it is important to emphasize the role of citizens, civil society and stakeholders in decision-making to improve government policies.

The Origins of the “Academic Days on Open Government & Digital Issues”

Since 2011, experiences of member countries of OGP have shown that, although civil society is largely associated with the process of open governments, the academic community has not been adequately consulted. It is important to emphasize that the university community must be part of the open government process. The concept of “Academic Days” was never experienced in previous events of the OGP. By hosting this event with IMODEV and University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Dr. Irene Bouhadana and Dr. William Gilles have decided to organize for the first time a scientific congress dedicated to issues of open government, and willing bring together academics - regardless their disciplines - to enable the discussion of these issues through a scientific approach.

The Academic Days aims to bring together all academics interested in these matters, including nationals of a non- OGP country. The underlying objective is to build a university doctrine on open-government issues: IMODEV, as an international network of researchers and academics, and the University Paris 1

Panthéon-Sorbonne already are working fully in favor of promoting these themes. The idea of hosting this scientific event at the Paris World Summit has thus become a necessity.

For the 2nd edition of the Academic days, Dr. Irene Bouhadana and Dr. William Gilles have decided to expressly indicate “digital issues” in the title of the international conference, as they consider that digitalization is a major issue for open governments in the information society. Thus, speakers can deliver speeches focused on open government issues, on digital issues or concerning both open government and digital issues.

An Interdisciplinary and International Event

This scientific event aims to bring together all those who wish to think about the opening of governments through a scientific approach.

This multidisciplinary event will associate law, political science, economics, management, mathematics, computer science, social science, history, sociology, environmental science, arts, and all other subjects or field which may be related to these issues.

These days will, through their transverse and multidisciplinary nature, allow us to understand, analyze and debate the issues of open government with representatives from the 5 continents.

A Collaborative Event

The goal of this scientific event is to have the various stakeholders and participants of open governments as stakeholders of the event. Also, it is possible for people to participate through different forms of intervention.

It also possible to propose new research topics related to the theme of the event by signing up a proposal of at least 6 participants.

An Event Open to Youth, Students and Young Researchers: Transmitting to the Leaders of Tomorrow

Moreover, these days are intended to also be open to young researchers (PhDs, PhD students, master students). The intention is to involve the younger generations to the challenges of tomorrow regarding open government issues. The young researchers will conduct roundtables or workshops.

A committee of young researchers will be established to coordinate this work.

The Possibility for Academics to Value their Research in the Various Formats of the Event

The variety of the proposed interventions allows each participant, regardless of her/his field of research, to present and defend her/his work (places subject to availability).

Workshops

The Workshops are sessions bringing together a small group of participants. The goal of these interventions is to present in ten minutes the research to group members. Following this presentation, a discussion ensued between the panelists.

The workshops will allow participants to discuss, contribute and build on themes related with open governments in open groups of ten to twenty people.

The workshops can cover all the topics related to the issues of open government and digital issues such as:

Arts & Open Government	Freedom of Speech & Open Government
Algorithms & Open Government	Open Government
Corruption & Open Government	European Union & Open Government
Artificial intelligence & Open Government	Open Access to academic research
Open Data	Open Law & Open Government
Post-Conflict & Open Government	Big Data Issues
Right to Information	Security & Open Government
Access to Open Government	Smart cities
	Local Government & Open Government
Commons & Open Government	Digital Divide
Right to Privacy	Cyber surveillance & Open Government
Citizen Participation & Collaboration	Net Neutrality
Health & Open Data	History and Open Government
International Institutions & Open Government	Disability Access & Open Government
Foundation of Open Gov (philosophy, sociology)	Accountability & Open Government
Open Parliament	Tax Law & Open Government
Management & Open Government	Whistleblowers
Accountability & Open Government	Lobbying & Open Government
Open Justice	Participative budget
Mathematics & Open Government	Electoral campaign, political life & digital tools

Once the workshop meets a sufficient number of participants (minimum of 6), any speaker can propose to the Scientific Committee of Academic days other themes. The proposal must indicate the working language (French, English, Spanish, or Portuguese), the name and position of the responsible of the workshop, the workshop title and a ten lines abstract (written in French or English) that will be reviewed by the scientific committee.

Conference on ‘Electoral campaign, political life & Digital tools’ (in English)

Moderated by Professor R. Weaver (University of Louisville, USA), this conference organized during the 2nd academic days will analyze the impact on digital tools on electoral campaign and political life.

With the development of the Internet and new technological advances such as handheld devices (e.g., smartphones), not only has the nature of communication been transformed, but so has the political process. Although there are numerous examples of this transformation, the recent U.S. presidential election revealed the power and impact of the Internet and these new devices. Internet attacks on the Democratic party, leading to the publication of those emails by WikiLeaks, and Donald Trump's deft use of Twitter made that campaign different than any that had preceded it, as Trump routinely and effectively used Twitter to avoid being filtered by the traditional media. This conference will analyze the impact of digital tools on electoral campaign and political life in America and in Europe.

‘Young Researchers’ Workshops

Young researchers can participate in all the formats proposed during the Academic days (lightning talks, workshops, Poster presentations...). However, dedicated spaces are offered through workshops ‘Young Researchers’.

The workshops 'Young Researchers' are intended to be a laboratory of ideas and meetings between students and young researchers worldwide.

The working languages of the Young Researchers' Workshops can be agreed upon by the speakers, but the Presentation languages are French or English.

The involvement of young researchers and students contribute to the success of the event by building bridges and points of contact within the university and other students and young researchers.

Poster presentation

The scientific poster presentations aspire to highlight researches being carried out by academics. This form of participation also allows researchers enrolled in these days of academic understanding of the work of their counterparts. The poster presentation is also a transmission and communication tool, promoting contact between the researcher who presented her/his research work and members of the academic community interested in research exposed.

Posters shall be presented in French, English or Spanish.

'Ateliers créatifs' (Creative sessions)

The opening of governments also aims to promote freedom of expression. For this reason, the organizers of the Academic Days wanted to combine open government issues and the artists, who represent one of the direct manifestations of this freedom.

The goal is to enable academic artists to present their work during these two days. This creative space is a place for exchange and co-participation, not only open to those who are creative by formation, but also to non-usuals, thus including non-academics.

All art forms are accepted (photography, caricature, drawing, sculpture, literature, etc.) since they concern a theme of open government (freedom of expression, transparency, open government, open data, privacy, citizen participation, Net neutrality, mass surveillance, etc.).

A valuation of the research work

The Academic Days are intended to enhance the thematic research on issues related to open government. This valuation will take several forms.

- *Filmed Sessions*: some sessions will be filmed. These records will be published online (free and open access)

- *Publication of the best articles in an international journal with scientific committee*: articles that have been validated by the scientific committee will be published in the International Journal of Open Government or the International Journal of Digital and Data Law. Both journals are free and open access and use the best technologies to ensure effective *SEO*, and therefore, visibility and international promotion of publications.

- *Publication of other contributions on the website of Academic Days*.

Information and contact

We remain at your disposal for any questions regarding the organization. We invite you to visit now our Internet platform dedicated to the event at the following address:

<http://academicdays.imodev.org>

Through this platform, you can register now as a speaker or as a participant.

Registration on the platform is mandatory (**before August 22, 2017**). There, you can submit your proposals for presentation, but we also provide thematic suggestions as mentioned above.

Looking forward to the Academic days on open government & digital issues, we invite you to consult our Internet platform and discover all of our activities:

<http://www.imodev.org>.

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About IMODEV

The Institut du Monde et du Développement pour la Bonne gouvernance Publique (IMODEV)© is an international scientific, independent and non-profit organization working to promote good public governance in the context of the information society.

To do this, this international research network brings together experts and researchers from around the world that contribute, through their work and their actions, to a better knowledge and understanding of the digital society, whether local, national or international.

The Institute organizes regularly, in France and in several countries, seminars and scientific events on open government and digital society issues.

About the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

With **eight hundred years of excellence to build on**, the University Paris 1 Panthéon- Sorbonne, a descendant of the Faculty of Law and Economics of the Sorbonne, is one of the most famous and largest universities in France. Some forty thousand students are enrolled in 14 teaching and research departments (Unites de Formation et de Recherche) and 5 Institutes, which offer top level degree courses in law, political science, economics, management and the humanities. The university is principally located in the heart of the Latin Quarter, and occupies part of the Sorbonne and other prestigious French university buildings. Paris 1 is at the center of a rich network of international relations stretching across the five continents and plays a major role in training researchers, academics, judges, lawyers, senior managers and top French civil servants. At the cross - roads of tradition and modernity, Paris 1 is at the forefront of research and education in its fields, and aims to be a major pole of research and education in Europe in the 21st century.