**EDem10**

**4th International Conference on eDemocracy**

**6 and 7 May 2010**
**Danube University Krems**
**Austria**
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# EDem 10 Conference

*"A revolution doesn't happen when a society adopts new tools.*
*It happens when society adopts new behaviours" (Clay Shirky)*

# Call for Papers

Scientific eDemocracy visions and models have been developed since the 1960s, but it is now, during the first decade of the 21st Century, that they are becoming reality, being tested and implemented. Extensive IT provides the necessary basis, but it is not the developments in IT alone that are responsible for successful eDemocracy projects – it is due all those who use and apply them, as they adopt new behaviours and change old ones. The new, digital generation lives and breathes new values: they collaborate, compile content together, share their ideas, create networks on social platforms and organise themselves quickly and simply. The new values held, the new behaviours adopted, the changed mindset, along with improved usability and a still-increasing use of the internet, has led to a rapid and radical change in our society.

The EDem10 focuses on these changes which can be seen occurring in different areas and which are manifest in different way:

- **Transparency & Communication** (freedom of information, free information access, openness, information sharing, blogging, micro-blogging, social networks, data visualization, eLearning, empowering, …);
- **Participation & Collaboration** (innovation malls, innovation communities, bottom up, top down, social networks, engagement and accountability, collaborative culture, collaboration between C2C, G2C, …);
- **Architecture, Concepts & Effects** (access and openness, user generated content, peer production, network effects, power laws, long tail, harnessing the power of the crowd, crowd sourcing, social web, semantic web, …);
- **Different Fields:** open government initiatives, eDemocracy, eParticipation, eVoting, eDeliberation;
- **Approaches and Disciplines:** law & legal studies, social sciences, computer sciences, political sciences, psychology, sociology, applied computer gaming and simulation, democratic theory, media and communication sciences;
- **Multidisciplinary and Interdisciplinary Approaches;**
- **Research Methods.**

On primary aim is to bring together researchers and practitioners. We would like to invite individuals from academic, applied and practitioner backgrounds as well as public administration offices, public bodies, NGO/NPOs, education institutions and independent organisations to submit their research and project papers.

The main conference language is English; submissions in German (with an abstract in English) are also acceptable.

## Confirmed Keynote Speakers

- **Stevan Harnad** (American Scientist Open Access Forum;
        Universite du Quebec a Montreal, CAN; University of Southampton, UK)
- **Ismael Peña-López** (Open University of Catalonia, Barcelona, Spain)
- **Jochen Scholl** (The Information School, University of Washington, USA)
- **Micah L. Sifry** (Personal Democracy Forum, TechPresident, New York, USA)
- **Andy Williamson** (Hansard Society, London, UK)

## Fees

EUR 105,- for authors and PEP-NET Members
EUR 125,- early bird rate for participants who register until 28.02.2010
EUR 145,- for participants who register after 28.02.2010

The fee includes conference, proceedings and social program during the conference.
A pre-conference social program will be announced later.

The Proceedings will be published by the Austrian Computer Society.

The EDem conference series is jointly organised by the Danube University Krems and the University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna.

## Deadlines

Submission of papers (max. 10 pages): **Extended Deadline – 1 March 2010**
Notification of acceptance: 21 March 2010
Camera-ready paper submission: 2 April 2010

Conference: 6-7 May 2010

## Submissions

To submit your paper, please visit the conference website.
All submissions will be submitted to a double-blind full paper review by at least 2 reviewers.

## Further Information

Conference Website: www.donau-uni.ac.at/edem
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