



## Call for Papers

International Conference

11<sup>th</sup> Academic days on Open Governments & Digital Issues

11<sup>e</sup> Journées universitaires sur les enjeux des Gouvernements Ouverts & du numérique

*November 3 & 4, 2026 – Paris, France*

**The 11th Academic Days will be organized in a hybrid format (in Paris & online)**

under the direction of  
**Irène Bouhadana & William Gilles**



On 3 and 4 November 2026, IMODEV organize in the form online and also at the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and the Institut Juridique de la Sorbonne (IRJS-DreDis), the “11<sup>th</sup> Academic Days on Open Government and Digital Challenges, 11<sup>e</sup> Journées universitaires sur les enjeux des Gouvernements Ouverts et du numérique”. Under the direction of Irene Bouhadana and William Gilles, this international conference will be the 43<sup>th</sup> edition of a series of IMODEV international conferences on Information Society Law and Governance.

This 11<sup>th</sup> edition is the continuation of the first fourth Academic days on Open Government Issues, held in November from 2017 to 2025, and in December 2016, during the week dedicated to the Open Government Global Summit, hosted by France, as chair of Open Government Partnership. These Academic days aim to **bring together all of academia concerned with issues related to open government and digital issues** 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.

Since the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, the Academic days expressly refer to “digital issues” in the title of the international conference, as 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

### **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, Irene Bouhadana and William Gilles decided to organize for the first time a scientific congress dedicated to open government and digital issues, and willing bring together academics – regardless their disciplines – to enable the discussion of these issues through a scientific approach. The tradition has continued since then.

Academic Days aim 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 and digital 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.



## An Interdisciplinary and International Event

The event aims to bring together everyone who seeks to reflect on the opening of governments and digital issues through a scientific approach.

The event is multidisciplinary and seeks to associate law, political science, economics, administration, mathematics, computer sciences, social sciences, history, sociology, environmental sciences, arts and all other subjects or areas that may be related to these issues.

Due to its transversal and multidisciplinary nature, space for debates on governmental and open digital issues with representatives from different countries is encouraged and opened up.

## 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 and digital issues. The young researchers can apply to be part of the organization and the moderation of roundtables or workshops, under the supervision of a senior researcher.

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

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

Open Government	Government or digital issues (philosophy, sociology)	Smart cities
Algorithms	Open Parliament	Participatory budgeting
Artificial intelligence	Accountability	Digital exclusion
Blockchain	Open Justice	Network Neutrality
Crowdfunding	Freedom of expression in the digital age	Lobby
Open Data	European Union & Open Government & digital issues	Election campaigns, via politics and digital
Corruption & Open Government	Big Data Issues	Transparency and national security
Right to Information	Cybersecurity	collaborative right
Right to Privacy	Digital Surveillance	Mediation
Citizen participation	Fake News / disinformation	Digital Sovereignty
Citizen collaboration		
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Once the workshop meets a sufficient number of participants (minimum of five), any speaker can propose to the Scientific Committee of Academic days other themes. The proposal must indicate the working language (French, English or Spanish), the name and position of the responsible of the workshop, the workshop title and a ten lines abstract (written in French, English, or Spanish) that will be reviewed by the scientific committee.

### **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 July 10, 2026**). There, you can submit your proposals for presentation.

Looking forward to welcoming you at 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>.

*With pleasure to exchange this debate with you*

*Irène Bouhadana-Gilles et William Gilles*



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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 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.

### About the DreDis of the Institut de Recherche Juridique de la Sorbonne (IRJS)

The Institut de recherche juridique de la Sorbonne (IRJS) was founded in 2001 as the Institut TUNC within the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, and today comprises 12 research departments. Its vocation is to support the convergence of disciplines in the legal sector, and to contribute to the Europeanization and globalization of law. The aim is not only to share human, financial and documentary resources, but also to develop cross-disciplinary research through joint seminars and a publisher (IRJS éditions). Nearly twenty years after its creation, the IRJS is a research unit which received an extremely positive assessment in its last AERES evaluation: on its scientific quality and output, its economic influence and attractiveness, its relations with the social, economic and cultural environment, its operating methods, its involvement in training through research, its strategy and its project for the next five-year contract. Today, IRJS has cross-disciplinary activities aimed at developing an e-doctrine.

DreDis is the IRJS department within the Sorbonne Law School dedicated to research into immaterial and digital law.