



International Conference  
4<sup>th</sup> Academic days on Open Government & Digital Issues  
4<sup>e</sup> Journées universitaires sur les enjeux des Gouvernements Ouverts et du  
numérique  
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**Call for Papers**

On November 5 & 6, 2019, IMODEV will hold the 4<sup>th</sup> “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 26<sup>th</sup> edition in a series of IMODEV international conferences on the Law and Governance of the Information Society.

This 4<sup>th</sup> edition is the continuation of the first three Academic days on Open Government Issues, held in November 2017 and 2018, 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

This scientific event aims to bring together all those who wish to think about the opening of governments and digital issues 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 fields which may be related to these issues.

These days will, through their transverse and multidisciplinary nature, allow us to understand, analyze and debate open government and digital issues with representatives from different countries.

## 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 a 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:

Algorithms	Open Government
Artificial intelligence	European Union & Open Government
Blockchain	European Union & Digital Issues
Crowdfunding	Open Law
Open Data	Big Data Issues
Corruption & Open Government	Cybersecurity
Right to Information	Cybersurveillance
Commons	Smart cities
Right to Privacy	Participative budget
Citizen Participation & Collaboration	Digital Divide
International Institutions & Open Government	Net Neutrality
Foundation of Open Gov or Digital Issues (philosophy, sociology)	Whistleblowers
Open Parliament	Lobbying & Open Government
Accountability & Open Government	Electoral campaign, political life & digital tools
Open Justice	Transparency and National Security
Freedom of Speech in the Digital Age	Digital sovereignty

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 or English), 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.

### A valuation of the research work

The Academic Days are intended to enhance the thematic research on issues related to open government and digital issues.

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 July 10, 2019**). There, you can submit your proposals for presentation, but we also provide thematic suggestions as mentioned above.

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>.

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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.