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Special Issue on

Cross-Organizational and Cross-Border IS/IT Collaboration

As globalization moves forward, many IS/IT investments are being deployed across organizations located in different countries and world regions. Cross-system and inter-system integration and collaboration technologies play essential roles and often determine investment success or failure. However, economic, social and other factors outside the system must also be taken into consideration for global IS/IT projects to be successful and productive. Academic literature has extensively focused on trying to explain IS/IT productivity, but has rarely examined the links between international and multi-national collaboration processes and the payoffs from IS/IT investments.

Despite the intensive research for more than two decades of different aspects on IS/IT collaboration, many findings are based on the cultural environment of North America or Western Europe. In addition, most of the investigation has been conducted in the context of a single country. As corporate reality demands that firms cooperate across national, economic and social boundaries, collaboration models need to be constructed, validated, and further refined in terms of the global economy.

IS/IT collaboration in the global economy differs substantially from collaboration in any single country or region for several reasons. First, IS/IT infrastructures differ significantly in terms of stage of development and maturity. Second, regulatory, legal, social, and cultural environments may also vary substantially. Third, various stakeholders in global IS/IT projects often have different or even conflicting goals and ascribe to their own definitions of project success. In addition, managing globally distributed teams requires a high level of coordination and collaboration that exceeds that needed for more typical virtual teams within one economy or region. For IS/IT projects to be successful and productive in the global economy researchers and practitioners need to address the aforementioned and other issues.

This special issue of the ***European Journal of Information Systems*** seeks to make a broad inter-disciplinary contribution to the literature in this area. The main objective of the special issue is to examine the linkages between global collaboration and the business value of IS/IT investment and the challenges posed by global collaboration processes, projects and challenges.

Studies offering a wider focus from a human, organizational or technical perspective are encouraged, and a variety of methodological approaches including exploratory approaches, theory building, case analysis, testing

through interviews, or surveys are welcome. Papers from researchers in Management, Marketing, Computer Science, and other related disciplines are welcome and encouraged.

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to the following:

- Processes of international/global IS/IT collaboration
- Effects of collaboration on IS/IT productivity
- Success factors of collaboration technologies
- Inter-organizational collaboration and IS/IT productivity
- Conceptual frameworks of IS/IT collaboration in the global economy
- Comparative cross-country research on IS/IT collaboration
- Country-specific case studies on IS/IT collaboration
- Collaboration during the IS/IT off shoring /outsourcing projects
- Cross-border and cross-organizational IS/IT project management
- Multinational teams and IS/IT productivity
- IS/IT productivity instrument development and validation
- Cross-border and cross-organizational value-chains and value-networks

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