

Call for Papers
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Special Issue on
Information Systems Research, Education and Policy in the Mediterranean Region

Academic research is becoming increasingly sensitive to the importance of context in information systems (IS) development and adoption, particularly as global and local idiosyncrasies are studied and revealed. The effort to study and understand the particularities of IS phenomena around the world is ongoing, even though certain regions seem to attract more attention than others. One of the regions that remain underrepresented in IS research is the Mediterranean region. The Mediterranean basin is at the cross-roads of European, African and Asian civilizations and cultures and thus presents a unique, dynamic and challenging environment for information systems. Not surprisingly, the interest in the study of IS phenomena is widespread in this region, even though it remains fragmented and multidisciplinary – by accident, rather than by design. Against this background, the recent establishment of multiple AIS chapters in the region, as well as the organization of several local IS conferences, demonstrates the need and desire to bring together and learn from the diversity of ongoing studies.

Following from the recent call for papers for the 4th Mediterranean Conference on Information Systems (MCIS 2009), the European Journal of Information Systems plans to publish a special issue on *Information Systems Research, Education and Policy in the Mediterranean Region*. The aim of the special issue is to complement MCIS in:

- (a) **Encouraging and inspiring innovative and informative IS research** that is relevant to the social, economic and cultural conditions of the region
- (b) **Raising the visibility** of IS-related research, education and policy carried out in the region

Researchers interested in the study of IS phenomena in the Mediterranean region are invited to submit papers to this special issue. We envisage the best papers of MCIS 2009 to qualify for this Special Issue, but we would also like to encourage those that do not plan to attend this conference to submit a paper. All submitted papers will undergo a full review process.

Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Innovative Applications of IS (e.g., digital interactive media, web 2.0, the Internet of things)
- IS Development Approaches and IS Adoption in the Mediterranean Region
- Strategy & IS in the Mediterranean Socio-Economic Context
- IS in the Service Industries (e.g., in education, healthcare, tourism, etc.)
- IS in Retailing and Supply Chain Management
- Enterprise Systems
- SMEs, IT-Based Entrepreneurship & Business Networking in the Mediterranean Region
- E- and Mobile Business, E-Government and Inter-Organizational systems
- Economics of Information Systems
- Legal, Regulatory and Ethical Issues
- IS Policy and the Information Society

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Submission Guidelines and Important Dates

- Papers may be submitted to the special issue anytime before **November 15, 2009**
- Submit using the EJIS online paper submission system at <http://ejis.msubmit.net/cgi-bin/main.plex> (Select the Special Issue during submission)
- Follow the EJIS formatting guidelines at http://ejis.msubmit.net/cgi-bin/main.plex?form_type=display_auth_instructions (Note that papers should be no longer than 8000 words)