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**Tenth Annual SIG Global Development Workshop**

**Seoul, Republic of Korea**

**Saturday December 10, 2017**

**Call for Papers**

**Theme:**

**ICTs & Transformation in the Era of Mass Discontent**

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**DESCRIPTION**

Our theme for this workshop is *ICTs & Transformation in the Era of Mass Discontent*. Mass social discontent while often associated with the so called ‘developing countries’ of Africa, Asia and Latin America has in recent years also become more evident in the so called ‘developed countries’ of Europe and the Americas. It can be reasonably argued that the essence of this mass discontent has its roots in economic decline and/or the wide disparities in incomes between the *haves* and the *have-nots* that resulted from the neo-liberal globalization model. This mass discontent phenomena is occurring with the context of climate disturbance, increasing use of ICTs for social, economic & political activities, and the increasing exposure of individuals & societies to surveillance and manipulation by state and non-state actors due to the increased use of ICTs. Further, there may even be a wider power gap in the ICT space both between countries and between different demographics within countries.

An interesting and significant question is whether ICTs can play a sustaining, value-adding role that enables societies to move beyond the conditions that cause mass discontent to beneficial development for all. Such a role may include supporting social groups in: identifying and defining achievable goals, acquirable resources, and constraints to be acknowledged and if possible overcome; supporting sustainable & secure collaboration. Global Development workshop addresses questions that provide new and meaningful definitions of Development, such as, *Can ICTs support the development, promotion and realization of a model of development that is holistic, inclusive, just and sustainable, and that will lead to an appropriate quality of life for each individual on the planet*? And inevitably, one needs to ask questions about how to better understand these problems and challenges. The papers in this workshop will also further the knowledge of what we know about how ICT enables the global economy by enabling local needs to be met in a manner that preserves the ability of the planet to support human life. It should be noted that focus includes not only development issues relevant to ‘developing’ countries but also those relevant to migrant and other minority communities or enclaves in Europe and North America.

Relevant topics for this Workshop include:

1. Theoretical lenses and/or empirical studies that enable an understanding of: ICTs & Sustainable Development; ICTs & Peace building; ICTs & Disaster Recovery.
2. Social, political, and community development impacts of ICTs.
3. Designing ICT artifacts that support holistic Development.
4. Security & Technological constraints on the use of ICTs for development
5. The role of government policy in fostering ICT human capital, cooperation and capacity building
6. ICT Impact Analysis: Sophisticated analyses of the empowering potential & dangers posed by ICTs.
7. Social networking for Development, ICT human capital and capacity building
8. Critical and theoretical perspectives on the digital divide and social inclusion
9. Challenges of ICT human capital and capacity building in remote regions
10. Educational systems; content provision and delivery; developing ICT skills
11. Mobile technologies as infrastructure for ICT human capital and capacity building
12. Frugal Innovation and innovative ways in which technologies are applied in developing regions.

## WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS:

These will be published on the SIG GlobDev website and in the AIS E-Library with ISBN: 978-0-9976176-9-6.

## FAST-TRACKING TO JOURNAL:

Authors of selected workshop papers will be invited to submit their papers for possible inclusion in a special issue of the Journal of [Information Technology for Development](http://globdev.org/dev/?q=node/8) (ITD).

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Paper/Panel Proposal Submission Deadline: September 1, 2017

Notification to Authors: October 16, 2017

Deadline for Final Papers: November 13, 2017

Workshop Date: December 10, 2017