The International Conference on e-Democracy and Open Government-Asia 2012 (CeDEM-Asia-2012) is a forum that aims to bring together academics, researchers, policy-makers, industry professionals, and civil society activists to discuss the role of social and mobile media in the future of governance in Asia and elsewhere. CeDEM-Asia-2012 will be held on November 14-15 in Singapore.

Call for Papers

New means of interacting with government and political institutions are causing significant shifts in political and social life. The emerging social and mobile media practices, including content generation, collaboration, and network organization, are changing our understanding of governance and politics. While the changes are already widely debated in mature, developed democracies, there is an even greater need to address them in the context of rapidly developing Asian societies. Following five successful conferences at the Danube University of Krems, CeDEM is looking to open a new forum in Asia for the exchange of ideas, networking, and collaboration on the topics of e-democracy and open government. This year, CeDEM is pleased to be working with the Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC) as its conference organizer and the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore as its main partner. CeDEM-Asia-2012 seeks to critically analyze present and future developments in field, with a special focus on the following themes:

- Social media to engage citizens, smart & mobile democracy, sustainability of e-participation
- Mobilization via social media, networks vs. traditional party-structure, online campaigning
- Communication technologies and their use for governmental transformation
- Open data initiatives, transparency, participation and collaboration in government
- Cultures of governance, access and openness, crowdsourcing for government
- Information provision, mobile devices, service delivery via new communication channels
- Online communities, innovation, bottom-up vs. top-down
- Network effects, power laws, long tail, social web

Important Dates

Extended submission deadline for full papers and workshop proposals: **10 August 2012**
Notification of acceptance: **24 September 2012**
Camera-ready paper submission: **15 October 2012**
Conference dates & location: **14-15 November 2012, Singapore**

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Submission Guidelines

The submission portal will be open mid June 2012: www.cedem-conference.org/CeDEMasia2012

- **Research Papers**
  Research papers shall be 12 pages maximum and will be double-blind peer-reviewed.
- **Finished Case Studies and Project Papers**
  Finished Case Studies/Project Papers shall be 12 pages maximum and will be double-blind peer-reviewed. The research must be finished and (aspect of) the final outcomes must be presented in the paper.
- **Ongoing Case Studies and Project Papers**
  Ongoing Case Studies & Project Papers shall be 12 pages maximum and will be double-blind peer-reviewed. The research must not be finished but the methodology of the research must be clearly described. Expected outcomes or intermediate evaluation data is appreciated, but not mandatory.
- **R**e**flections**
  Reflections shall be 6 pages maximum and will be selected by the chairs (this section includes non-acadmic papers). These papers allow space for reflections and speculation about current developments as well as for presentations of specific issues. These papers won't be peer-reviewed.
- **Workshop Proposals**
  Workshop Proposals shall be 2 pages maximum and will be selected by the conference chairs. Please provide a short summary of your workshop content, aims, and methodology/didactics.

Publications

The conference proceedings will be published and made available online under the Creative Commons License. A revised selection of best research papers and case studies of CeDEM-Asia-2012 will be published with the open access *eJournal of eDemocracy and Open Government* (www.jedem.org).

Travel Information

Conference Venue: Orchard Parade Hotel

Located at the entrance of the Orchard Road, Singapore's most famous shopping belt, Orchard Parade Hotel is just a 10 minute walk from Lido Cineplex and major shopping centers such as ION Orchard, Wisma Atria and Ngee Ann City. It is also within 10 minutes by foot to Scotts Road, another famous shopping district in Singapore. The same amount of walking time will bring you to Orchard MRT station, which can connect you to other parts of the country. With the hotel itself also providing a myriad of retail options ranging from fine wines and cigars to even a tailor for made-to-measure suits, guests will definitely be spoilt for choice. Business travellers will enjoy the accessibility of Orchard Parade Hotel. A 10-minute drive will get you to the Central Business District or Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre. Orchard Parade Hotel is also only 30 minutes from Changi International Airport.

About Singapore

Even though it is geographically small, Singapore is one of the most developed countries in Southeast Asia. The city is a multi-religious, multicultural and multilingual mix, which offers a unique ethnic tapestry to visitors. Singapore has a wide array of sightseeing and culinary opportunities to choose from. A full calendar of traditional festivals and holidays celebrated throughout the year adds to its cultural appeal. In addition, Singapore offers great shopping, delectable cuisine and also not forgetting its two Integrated Resorts (IRs). Located at the Southern tip of Malaysia, Singapore's excellent infrastructure enables both business and leisure travellers to enjoy its many sites and attractions in a safe, clean and green environment. The award winning Changi Airport connects locals and tourists to major cities around the world.

Registration Fees

Early Bird:	S$290 (regular)
	S$200 (student/AMIC member)
After 15 October:	S$390 (regular)
	S$250 (student/AMIC member)

Registration: http://www.amic.org.sg/index.php?link=99&id=32

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