

Special Issue—Call for papers

“COLLABORATION ISSUES IN CROSS-ORGANIZATIONAL AND CROSS-BORDER IS/IT”

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Investments in IS/IT represent a substantial portion of many firm's corporate capital spending. As globalization progresses, many such investments are being deployed across nations and world regions. Cross-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 investigation for two decades of different aspects of IS/IT collaboration, defined in the context of this special issue as the integration of people, systems, processes and infrastructure across organizations, borders, nations and world regions to enable productive teamwork toward accomplishing mutual goals, many collaboration models are based solely on the cultural environment of North America or

Western Europe. 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 may vary 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 very 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.

In summary, few studies have investigated the linkages between Global

collaboration and the business value of IS/IT investment. To address these issues and others in terms of the Global economy, this special issue focuses on Global collaboration processes and projects and their potential impact on IS/IT productivity and success.

Call for Paper Topics

Possible contributions regarding the collaboration in Global economy may 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
- IS/IT investment evaluation
- IS/IT productivity studies at the country, industry, firm, or project level
- Comparative cross-country research

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