

## ***eGOV05***

### **Press Release for the UKAIS Newsletter**

In line with new public management objectives, *eGovernment* aims to achieve a user-centred public sector that is inclusive to all citizens, that is transparent, open to democratic involvement as well as scrutiny. In short, a more efficient and productive public sector that delivers maximum return on investment and added value to the taxpayer. *eGovernment* is a relatively new phenomenon, and thus an exploratory multidisciplinary approach – discussion – is needed.

To address this need, the *eGovernment* Workshop'05 (*eGOV05*) took place at Brunel University on 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2005. The workshop is part of a series of events organised by the EPSRC funded Network for *eGovernment* Integration and Systems Evaluation (*eGISE*) led by Professor Zahir Irani. *eGISE* seeks to promote international debate and highlight the research strategies needed to increase understanding of *eGovernment*, and the processes involved in evaluating decisions surrounding the human, organisational and technical components of information society technologies (IST). In particular, *eGISE* defines and promotes research on IST strategies and their embedded mechanisms for evaluation and integration within government and the public sector. IST evaluation is addressed principally from the perspective of strategy and investment, constrained by Central Government directive, and its impact on local authorities.

In line with the network's objectives, *eGOV05* encompassed a significant stakeholder dimension and highlighted the socio-technical understanding of these phenomena as a means of contributing towards a public sector research agenda. The importance of *eGovernment* research is recognised around the world, with researchers having submitted their contributions to *eGOV05*. This included colleagues from Thailand, Italy, Canada, Germany, Japan and China to mention but a few. With 64 delegates in total, *eGOV05* was a full house event

The organisers were pleased to see a wide variety of attendees who ranged from academics and PhD students, to IT vendors, government advisors and public sector IT managers. Several add-on sessions that presented the latest thinking from *eGISE*, together with, a keynote from Shauneen Furlong and a panel discussion collectively spiced up the *eGOV05* experience.

We hope that *eGOV05* offered the IS community the opportunity to share the latest ideas in the application of information systems practice to electronic government. *eGOV05* has received excellent feedback and in fact the organisers are now considering to run a second workshop later next year.

Last but not least, the *eGOV05* organisers would like to thank UKAIS for its kind support and sponsorship. The organisers of ***eGOV05*** have made the **Proceedings of the event available free online at: [www.eGOV05.org.uk](http://www.eGOV05.org.uk)**

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