

CALL FOR PAPERS

**SPECIAL ISSUE ON “SOCIAL USE, IMPLICATIONS
AND IMPACTS OF ICT IN LATIN AMERICA”**

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PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL ISSUE

While research on ICT (information and communication technology) in Latin America has increased in importance over the last decade, many challenges still remain in developing a worldwide recognized research tradition. Among the ICT research areas deserving attention, the social use, implications and impacts of ICT in developing countries – and particularly in Latin America – occupies a special place. In addition to supporting economic competitiveness and expanding the possibilities of Latin America economies to participate in international markets, ICT has the potential to achieve far wider social goals, such as helping to build an infrastructure to increase social inclusion and participation, social debate and democracy, governance, local and sustainable development, knowledge sharing and social skills, among others. This special issue seeks to outline research on the social use, implications and impacts of ICT in Latin America, inviting researchers interested in Latin America cases and studies to submit their contributions.

THEMES AND TOPICS

The guest editors invite papers related to (but not limited to) the following areas:

- social use, implications and impacts of ICT in Latin America: a synthesis or an historical overview.
- theoretical frameworks for designing, implementing, using and examining the social use, implications and impacts of ICT in Latin America.
- empirical investigations on the social use, implications and impacts of ICT in a Latin context at all levels of analysis: individual, group, network, organization, cluster, industry, community, government, society and country. In terms of research subjects, we have bancarization, e-government, e-democracy, digital inclusion, microcredit,

ICT and communities, ICT and society, ICT management and governance in developing contexts, etc.

- analysis of the relationship between ICT-based social and economic performances in Latin America.
- benchmarking best practices and experiences in Latin America regarding the social use, implications and impacts of ICT.
- critical approaches to the social use, implications and impacts of ICT in Latin America.

WORKSHOP IN SAO PAULO

Authors of the selected papers for publications will be invited to participate in a workshop (October 2010) in Sao Paulo, which will be sponsored by RAE. The purpose of the workshop will be to promote an opportunity to the authors to present their paper and ideas, to interact, discuss, receive feedback and, hopefully, to start collaborations in joint research programs. Invited keynote speakers will share their thoughts about ways to improve the quality and international reconnaissance of Latin America researchers.

PROCESSES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Papers submitted must not have been published, accepted for publication, or presently be under consideration for publication elsewhere. To be eligible for review the paper must be set up according to the RAE's guidelines (available in www.fgv.br/rae/sgp). The papers must employ standard English. The submission must be made by the Publication Administration System in www.fgv.br/rae/sgp. Suitable papers will be subjected to a double-blind review. Please address questions to Marlei Pozzebon (marlei.pozzebon@hec.ca).