CALL FOR CHAPTER PROPOSALS
Proposal Submission Deadline: November 30ᵗʰ, 2012

Revolutionizing the Interaction Between State and
Citizens through Digital Communications
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Introduction

The relationship between States and their citizens is in constant evolution. Digital communication through the Internet has fundamentally changed how States relate to their citizens. Gone are the days when a government could ignore its citizens and hide its activities. Even the most autocratic governments are not immune from these fundamental changes in society. Although the interactions between the state and citizens have been of concern to both theorists and practitioners of power and government since ancient times, the changes happening today with the ability to access information, organize, and voice opinions is unprecedented. Existing theories have to be reexamined and changed to address this fundamental shift in information.

Just a few years ago it would have been inconceivable for a political uprising to be organized as easily as it was during the Arab Spring. Comparing the governments' responses to the uprisings in the Arab Spring and Tiananmen Square demonstrates how digital communications have changed the landscape. Wikileaks and the *I Am 132* Movement in Mexico are prime examples of how governments and traditional political parties no longer have complete control. With the ease of communication comes the ability to organize groups and to access information. This ability to organize groups and access information has changed the power balance between governments and citizens. Existing theories need to be recast in light of this fundamental change.

Objective of the Book

The primary objective is to provide a theoretical update to the theories of how states and citizens interact. The ability to communicate, access information, and organize have fundamentally altered this relationship. Governments, regardless of their level of development or recognition of individual rights, must reform their policies in light of the digital revolution.

The mission is to provide a comprehensive reevaluation of the relationship between various governments and their citizens. By providing case studies from highly developed to least developed nations we will provide a basis for comparison of this shift ongoing in societies. The final section will provide analysis of these changes and provide information on what to expect in the future.

Target Audience

This book would be appropriate as a reference book for legal professionals, activists, and government employees. It links both the technical world of digital communications with political science. Since the book will have case studies from a wide range of countries it will help provide comparative information on how various countries and citizens interact in the digital age.

Recommended topics include, but are not limited to the following:

- Case studies on specific countries focusing on how the digital revolution is changing the relationship between governments and citizens
- Transparency, regime legitimacy and the new information technologies
- Organizing political movements through social media channels
- Increasing civil society through communication

- ⑤ The digital right to assemble
- ⑤ Increased government efficiency
- ⑤ Affect of digital communications on government corruption
- ⑤ Access to information
- ⑤ Direct democracy
- ⑤ Changes to journalism
- ⑤ WikiLeaks and hacking democracy
- ⑤ The Arab Spring and organization of political movements through social media

Submission Procedure

Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit *on or before* **November 30th, 2012**, a 2-3 page chapter proposal clearly explaining the mission and concerns of his or her proposed chapter. Authors of accepted proposals will be notified by **December 15th, 2012** about the status of their proposals and sent chapter guidelines. Full chapters are expected to be submitted by **January 31st, 2013** All submitted chapters will be reviewed on a double-blind review basis. Contributors may also be requested to serve as reviewers for this project.

Publisher

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Important Dates

November 30th, 2012:	Proposal Submission Deadline
December 15th, 2012:	Notification of Acceptance
January 31st, 2013:	Full Chapter Submission
February 15th, 2013:	Review Results Returned
March 8th, 2013:	Final Chapter Submission

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