Course Faculty: Sharon Dawes, Natalie Helbig, Theresa Pardo

Course objective: to explore in depth a variety of perspectives on the open data movement and its implementation in different governments and cultures. Students will plan and prepare a joint paper on this theme that reflects individual research on various subtopics plus faculty-guided group discussion and analysis. Students will also attend and draw on the International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance (ICEGOV) to be held in Albany Oct 22-26.

Course preparation starting August 27 – All students will receive access instructions for the Blackboard site and will be expected to do the assigned foundation readings in preparation for class meeting #1.

Class meeting #1 – Sharon Dawes, Theresa Pardo, Natalie Helbig
Tuesday, September 11, 2012
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Review class concepts and goals
- What to expect from faculty and each other
- Discuss foundation readings
- Lecture on open data, group activity
- Discussion of class project – ICEGOV poster & research paper
- Introduce class tools – Blackboard, Zotero for bibliography

Between Class meeting #1 & Class meeting #2
- Students begin individual research on sub-topics within the open data theme
- Create and update a joint bibliography for a joint paper on open data
- Work together to outline the poster to present at ICEGOV

Class meeting #2 – Natalie Helbig
Monday, October 1, 2012
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Report to each other on progress
- Discuss questions, problems, ideas from individual research
- Review joint poster outline, decide on preparation and presentation responsibilities
- Review ICEGOV program
  - Discuss what kinds of sessions will help with their open data paper, what to listen for while at the conference, what kind of notes to take, people to talk to, etc.
  - Decide who will attend which sessions
Between Class meeting #2 & Class meeting #3
- Students draft their own sections of the joint paper, share with each other & comment, incorporate student comments
- Attend ICEGOV conference in Albany, NY October 22 – 25
  See website for more information: http://www.icegov.org/
- Send draft paper to all three faculty by Nov 1

Class meeting #3 – Theresa Pardo
Tentative Date – Monday, November 5, 2012
Time – To be determined
- Group reflection on ICEGOV program and ways to incorporate what was learned there in the joint paper
- Discuss instructor feedback on the draft and what to do next

Between Class meeting #3 & Class meeting #4
- Students revise the joint paper
- Continue to update bibliography
- Submit draft for instructor feedback by Nov 26, 2012
- Revise as needed

Class meeting #4 – All faculty
Friday, December 7, 2012
Time – To be Determined
- Joint public presentation to CTG staff /invited guests from PAD, etc.
- Group reflection on the experience, class format, big lessons learned (about the topic, the field, the process of working as a team)