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Achieving Open Justice through Citizen Participation and Transparency
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Introduction

On January 2009, President Obama signed the Memorandum on Transparency and Open Government that declares the new Administration's commitment to creating an unprecedented level of openness in government and establishing a system linking three principles: transparency, public participation and collaboration. Since then, public administrations around the world have embarked on open government initiatives and have worked to redefine their relationship with citizens and with each other. The benefits attributed to open government are many. They include the claims that open government leads to more effective decision making and services, safeguards against corruption, enables public scrutiny, and promotes citizens' trust in government, included better achievements of effectiveness, efficiency or accountability.

Although many open government initiatives have been implemented around the world, most of them have been related to the executive and legislative powers and institutions. However, open government does not seem to apply to the judiciary for, maybe, this has always been a "closed" field. As a result, there is a need to know about what open justice is, to explore its implementation and to understand what it can do to improve government, society and democracy.

The aim of this book is therefore to introduce the concept of open justice and to identify and analyze worldwide initiatives that focus on opening the judiciary by making it more transparent, more collaborative and more participative. This is important for open justice is not a new concept. Common Law has traditionally linked it to transparency and public scrutiny in order to guarantee the proper functioning of the courts and the opening of information to the general public. This book goes beyond this classical definition of open justice and intends to apply the three open government principles (transparency but, also, collaboration and participation) to the justice field.

Our ultimate goal is to show that and open government is not enough. We need to talk about an open state and, therefore, to make sure, we guarantee openness in the three state's branches. No other publication has approached open government from the state perspective emphasizing the need to also have an open justice.

Objective of the Book

The book wants to be a key reference for the future in this field. Given this context, it is the intention of this book to shed light on the open justice concept and, in particular:

- To provide comprehensive knowledge of recent major developments of open justice around the world.
- To analyze the importance of open justice efforts for the judiciary and the society, as well as for the modernization of the courts and of the justice field generally speaking.
- To provide insightful analysis about those factors that are critical when designing, implementing and evaluating open justice initiatives.
- To assess the role of information and communication technologies, and specifically of web 2.0 tools, regarding the acceleration of the opening processes.
- To discuss how contextual factors affect open justice initiatives' success or failure.
- To propose strategies to move forward and to address future challenges in an international context.

Target Audience

This book will be useful to politicians, judges and public sector officials (mainly those working in the judiciary) who need a convenient source of information on what open justice is and what it can do for opening the state and improving governance and democracy and on what it is being done around the world, to leaders and consultants who liaise with judicial agencies to design and implement open justice initiatives, to practitioners within the justice field (such as lawyers), and to academicians, researchers and students interested in the field of open justice in particular and open government in general.

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

- The role of ICT in opening the judiciary
- Transparency in the judiciary
- Participation and participatory justice
- Collaboration, collaborative justice & community courts
- Open justice and the modernization of the courts
- Social media and openness in the judiciary
- Innovation in the justice field
- Open data and big data
- Co-production/co-creation of justice
- Evaluation of open justice initiatives

It is the intention of the book to include both empirical and theoretical chapters. Regarding the former, case studies of both developed and developing countries will be more than welcome. These cases may refer to examples of successful and less successful open justice efforts.

Submission Procedure

Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit on or before **February 28, 2015**, a chapter proposal of 1,000 to 2,000 words clearly explaining the mission and concerns of his or her proposed chapter. Authors will be notified by **March 15, 2015** about the status of their proposals and sent chapter guidelines. Full chapters are expected to be submitted by **June 30, 2015**. All submitted chapters will be reviewed on a double-blind review basis. Contributors may also be requested to serve as reviewers for this project.

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