



Digital Transformation and Economic Inequality: Bridging the Gap or Widening the Divide?

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Scope of the special issue:

This call for papers aims to examine the dual-edged nature of digital transformation, while it offers opportunities for enhanced efficiency, transparency and innovation in governance, it also poses the risk of exacerbating economic inequality by creating digital divides. The contributions may provide a deeper understanding of the mechanisms by which digital transformation affects economic inequality and propose innovative solutions to mitigate these effects. The studies may analyse case studies and empirical studies of digital governance initiatives, assess the impact of digital policies on different socioeconomic groups and propose strategies to ensure that digital advancements contribute to more equitable economic outcomes.

In response to this call for special issue contributions, we encourage work in the following areas: however, they are not restricted to:

- The role of digital literacy in reducing economic inequality
- Global digital divide: Comparative analysis between developed and developing countries
- Digital wealth distribution and economic equality: Trade barriers, market dominance and policy responses
- Trade tariffs, sanctions, and their influence on global digital trade
- Automation, AI and the future of work: Implications for economic equality
- Gig economy: A vehicle for economic development or inequality
- Digitalization and the job market: Employment shifts, skills, and workforce transformation
- Digitalization, capital accumulation, and competitiveness: Corporate and national perspectives
- Governance models for fair wealth distribution in the digital era
- The impact of digital transformation on women and economic inequality

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