COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
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Welcome from the team

The last year was very challenging for everyone. Fortunately, the situation is gradually improving and in the UK, we have entered the second quarter of 2021 with great expectations for the rest of the year. It's now our great pleasure to introduce you to the Data for Policy Community Newsletter. With this initiative, we seek to communicate regularly with you to share updates and highlights of our work, news from our network, and recommendations of activities outside our network.

In this first edition, as well as updates from the conference and journal, we are featuring Prof Masaru Yarime, a member of our conference International Organisation Committee. We hope you will enjoy this first edition, and look forward to hearing your feedback.

Data for Policy 2021 update

The sixth international Data for Policy Conference will take place on September 14-16, 2021. The call for papers, which closed at the end of March, was a great success. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we had an incredible response from our community. We are thrilled to share with you that we received contributions from 39 countries.

June will be a key month for our team: in this month, we will respond to everyone who submitted a contribution, as well as opening registration for the conference. We will also be making the decision on the format of the conference. We'll be providing more information on this through our website and social media accounts, so please look out for our updates.

Important dates to keep in mind:

- 11 Jun. 2021 Notification of acceptance with reviewer comments and invitation to submit revised versions of those accepted.
- 23 Jul. 2021 Registration deadline for presenters.
- 20 Aug. 2021 Submission of revised papers for a second round of review for Data & Policy, and public registration deadline.
- 14-16 Sept. 2021 Conference.

This year our conference will have six standard tracks and three special tracks. Visit our website to find out more about them.

Community Spotlight

Professor Masaru Yarime, HKUST

Our initiatives Data for Policy and Data & Policy came to life thanks to a supportive international community. We are tremendously grateful to everyone who has devoted their time and expertise to help us grow and succeed.

In this edition, we want to recognise Masaru Yarime's contribution to our international conference and partner journal.

Masaru is currently an Associate Professor in the Division of Public Policy of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. His research interests centre around science, technology, and innovation policy for energy, environment, and sustainability, particularly exploring policy implications of data-driven innovation.

Masaru has been serving on our International Organisation Committee for Data for Policy Conference series since 2020. In last year's conference, he organized a special track on Data Governance for Innovation for Sustainable Smart Cities: Opportunities and Challenges in Public Policy and Institutional Design. Currently, Masaru is curating a special collection of papers for Data & Policy Journal. At our next conference Masaru will be chairing a special track on Facilitating Data-Driven Innovation for Sustainability.

To find more about Masaru's work you can visit his personal website.

Data & Policy, a journal for our community

Data & Policy is a peer-reviewed, open access journal dedicated to the impact of data science on policy and governance. The journal aims to promote a new theory of policy-data interactions by publishing work that considers systems of policy and data and how they relate to each other.

Data & Policy is free to read, free to contribute: any unfunded author can publish open access without paying an article processing charge, if accepted after peer review. This is thanks to support from the journal's partners (UCL, ONS and Turing Institute) and Cambridge University Press's growing Read & Publish agreements with institutions.

Recommended reads:

From the Data & Policy blog: Walter Radermacher on official statistics; Jane Farmer and her team on social data science; and an #OpenDataDay publication by the team at GovLab.

Translational articles: as well as research and commentary articles, Data & Policy has introduced a new translational category for submissions that show how data science is used in downstream and organisational settings.

Did you know there are six ways to join our community ?

Become an institutional partner

Host our international conference at your institution

Contribute to our conference with a panel, full paper or extended abstract

Submit your work or a blog entry to Data & Policy

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