

About ISPRAT

ISPRAT organises research projects specifically targetted to bridge academic science and practical experience. The aim of the cooperation is to harness information technology to simplify communication between public administration and the general public. The impact of IT on society, industry and the economy, as well as on public administration should be viewed not only as a technical and organisational discipline, but a political one too.

» **IT changes the world. Shape IT**

Information Technology is changing our economy, our society and our lives. Daily. Globally. Comprehensively.

Those who wish to shape and form this process need expert advice. And not just technical advice, but also legal, organisational and economic consideration of the impacts. ISPRAT packages different competencies, focussing these together on current topics concerning the use of IT within the public domain.

» **ISPRAT works across-the-board**

...because ISPRAT stands for Interdisciplinary Study of Politics, Law, Administration and Technology. Our Programme is in our Name, for the full potential of IT can only be realised through adequate consideration of the legal and administrative constraints.

IT experts, lawyers, economists, organisers and politicians together all work for us, to make sure our proposals are consistent.

» **ISPRAT specialises on Politics and Administration,...**

...because Globalisation and the Mobility of a modern information society demand Administration which is reliable, efficient and agile.

We all rely on public administration. Public administration is not a blood-sucking appendage of our society, but rather a crucial part of it: forming its foundation and protecting its principles.

ISPRAT concentrates on research projects in which renowned academics work with politicians, public administrations and industry to create proposals for the modernisation of public administration using IT.

» **ISPRAT cooperates with industry...**

...because feasible modernisation proposals need to be developed in association with companies in the IT industry. Politics, industry at large and public administration all benefit from this cooperation.

» **ISPRAT works to answer practical problems...**

...because the questions and projects themselves arise out of reality. The guiding principle of ISPRAT is inter-disciplinary study. ISPRAT studies questions which can only be solved by comprehensive consideration of political, legal, administrative, economic and technical aspects of the problem.

A Management Advisory Board oversees the inter-disciplinary approach and advises ISPRAT management about decisions associated with research projects.

» **ISPRAT Members**

Membership of ISPRAT is open to any organisation which supports our goals.

Currently the following organisations support ISPRAT:

Accenture, Bankhaus Metzler, Bechtle, Bundesdruckerei, Bundesrechenzentrum Österreich, Computacenter, Capgemini sd&m, Cisco Systems Deutschland, CSC Deutschland Solutions, Dataport, ekom21, Fujitsu Technology Solutions, Goetzfried, Hewlett-Packard, IBM Deutschland, Kommunales Rechenzentrum Minden-Ravensberg/Lippe, McKinsey&Company, Microsoft Deutschland, ÖPP Deutschland, Oracle Deutschland, SAP Deutschland, Siemens IT Solutions and Services, Siemens Enterprise Communications, Software AG, Steria Mummert Consulting, TaylorWessing, T-Systems, VDE Rhein-Main e.V., Vitako e.V.

The reputation and integrity of the academic members of ISPRAT ensure transparency and neutrality of study results.

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