The International Journal of Knowledge Society Research is in your hand! I am really so happy for this achievement. The intellectual process for the launch of this journal from the IGI-GLOBAL team, brought together a big community of researchers around the world. I feel really blessed for having the honor of collaborating with so many good colleagues. It seems that the vision we all share for the knowledge society is a bold one with linkages in our minds and souls. It is rather not typical for researchers and academics to put in the focus of their research humanistic visions in which technology, management and innovation are converging.

This IJKSR brings together key stakeholders of the Knowledge Society development worldwide, from Academia, Industry, Government, Policy Makers, and active citizens to look at the impact and prospects of the Information Technology, and the knowledge-based era it is creating, on key facets of living, working, learning, innovating and collaborating in today’s hyper-complex world.

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- Information Technologies - Knowledge Management Systems - E-business & Business, Organizational and Inter-organizational Information Systems for the Knowledge Society
- Knowledge, Learning, Education, Learning Technologies and E-learning for the Knowledge Society
- Social & Humanistic Computing for the Knowledge Society - Emerging Technologies for the Society and the Humanity
- Culture & Cultural Heritage - Technology for Culture Management - Management of Tourism and Entertainment - Tourism Networks in the Knowledge Society
- Government and Democracy in the Knowledge Society
- Innovation, Sustainable Development and Strategic Management for the Knowledge Society
- Service Science, Management, Engineering, and Technology
- Intellectual and Human Capital Development in the Knowledge Society
- Advanced Applications for Environmental Protection and Green Economy Management
- Future Prospects for the Knowledge Society: from Foresight Studies to Projects and Public Policies
- Technologies and Business Models for the Creative Industries

Our community is running the WORLD SUMMIT ON THE KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY SERIES (WSKS) and you are all invited to participate in our events, http://www.openknowledge-society.org/summit.htm and http://www.reform-education.org

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We invite you to join your voice with ours and all together to shape a new deal for our world. Education, Sustainable Development, Opportunities for well being, Culture, Collaboration, Peace, Democracy, Technology for all. Open Minds for a Better World.

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