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Call for papers for a special issue on **HCI and International Development**

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Information Technologies and International Development (ITID) is the leading journal focusing on the intersection of information and communication technologies (ICT) with international development. Published by the MIT Press and edited at the University of Southern California and the Georgia Institute of Technology, *ITID* is a multidisciplinary, quarterly open access publication.

The journal is now inviting submissions for a special issue on **HCI and International Development**. The new interdisciplinary field of human-computer interaction for development (HCI4D) focuses on applying HCI principles to the design and development of appropriate technologies for marginalized communities around the world. HCI4D plays a critical role in ensuring that technologies are usable, useful, appropriate, and well adapted to the communities and contexts in which they are intended to be used.

Although there have been many successes, the field remains both theoretically and methodologically under-researched. In particular, design methodologies have often been developed from a perspective that may not reflect developing-world contexts. Moreover, a lack of idea-sharing between and across disciplines remains a barrier to the field's further development.

The aim of this special issue is to directly address these significant challenges. We are soliciting critical and/or empirical investigations of the following themes:

- HCI challenges in designing for underserved communities
- How design practice can inform development theory and vice versa
- Experiences in building the capacity of communities to work with HCI4D researchers
- How sociotechnical issues and context of use inform design
- New methodologies in HCI4D
- The evaluation of design and/or implementation processes
- Lessons learned: HCI4D failures and success stories

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This special issue is primarily concerned with HCI issues and programs targeting underserved populations; the editors seek a diverse pool of submissions presenting novel research designs that are theoretically or empirically grounded and methodologically sound. Contributions are especially welcome from researchers based in developing regions and those involved in cross-continental collaborations.

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