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INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXPERT

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EXPERTISE OVERVIEW

CALL TOPIC(S) OF INTEREST:

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HEADLINE:

Management information systems and digital government expertise for participatory public-sector transformation.

POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION:

The University of Namur can contribute strong SSH and information systems expertise on how public administrations redesign services, data practices and internal work during the digital transition. Anthony Simonofski's profile combines digital government¹, citizen participation², open data³ and AI-enabled public services⁴, with a pedagogical focus on making complex digital issues accessible. His research can be found online⁵. Anthony coordinated numerous research projects including BeCoDigital⁶, Di-Fic⁷, or U-BPM⁸.

Potential contributions include:

- designing participatory research with civil servants, citizens and stakeholders through design science research, or action research;
- using fiction, speculative scenarios and popular culture as engaging tools for democratic reflection on AI, data, and public-sector transformation.
- mapping and evaluating digital-government, open-government and open-data practices in Belgium/Wallonia and comparable EU contexts;

This contribution is particularly relevant to new governance paradigms, citizen/stakeholder engagement, interconnected data systems, civil-service upskilling and dissemination. Anthony brings academic credibility (e.g. publications and editorial board of Government Information Quarterly), and applied experience with public administrations (e.g. applied research projects and certificates developed).

¹ <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0740624X21000265>

² <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12599-018-0547-z>

³ <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0268401222000421>

⁴ <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0740624X25000140>

⁵ <https://scholar.google.be/citations?user=G2qhIB4AAAAJ&hl=fr&oi=ao>

⁶ https://www.belspo.be/belspo/brain2-be/projects/FinalReports/BeCoDigital_summ_fr.pdf

⁷ <https://arc-projects.unamur.be/di-fic>

⁸ <https://www.unamur.be/en/newsroom/ai-driver-autonomy-workplace>