As globalization moves forward, many IS/IT investments are being deployed across organizations located in different countries and world regions. Cross-system and inter-system integration and collaboration technologies play essential roles and often determine investment success or failure. However, economic, social and other factors outside the system must also be taken into consideration for global IS/IT projects to be successful and productive. Academic literature has extensively focused on trying to explain IS/IT productivity, but has rarely examined the links between international and multi-national collaboration processes and the payoffs from IS/IT investments.

Despite the intensive research for more than two decades on different aspects of IS/IT collaboration, many findings are based on the cultural environment of North America or Western Europe. As corporate reality demands that firms cooperate across national, economic and social boundaries, collaboration models need to be constructed, validated, and further refined in terms of the global economy.

In summary, few studies have investigated the linkages between global collaboration and the business value of IS/IT investment. To address these issues and others in terms of the global economy, this mini-track focuses on global collaboration processes and projects and their potential impact on IS/IT productivity and success.

Possible contributions regarding the collaboration in global economy may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Processes of international/global IS/IT collaboration
- Effects of collaboration on IS/IT productivity
- Success factors of collaboration technologies
- Inter-organizational collaboration and IS/IT productivity
- Conceptual frameworks of IS/IT collaboration in the global economy
- Comparative cross-country research on IS/IT collaboration
- Country-specific case studies on IS/IT collaboration
- Collaboration during the IS/IT offshoring /outsourcing projects
- Cross-border and cross-organizational IS/IT project management
- Multinational teams and IS/IT productivity
- IS/IT productivity instrument development and validation
- Cross-border and cross-organizational value-chains and value-networks

We encourage both empirical (quantitative and qualitative) and theoretical papers.

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