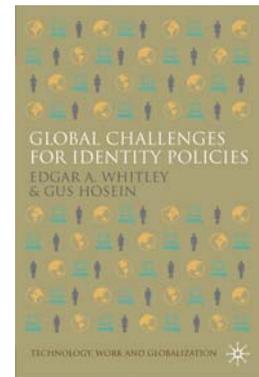


GLOBAL CHALLENGES FOR IDENTITY POLICIES

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A comprehensive review of identity policies as they are being implemented in the United Kingdom and around the world

Governments are rapidly developing and transforming national policies for identity management. If done well the rewards are remarkable; if done poorly, policy failure will be slow but nearly certain. Comprehensive identity policies involve creating or adapting schemes for the collection and processing of individual-specific data that will be shared across services, both within and beyond government, often for a variety of purposes. The range of bodies involved in such policy developments is extensive, raising important issues both for the government led implementation of such policies and for academics to study and engage the policy deliberations as they take place.

The authors have followed the UK National Identity Scheme for the past six years, from the introduction of the draft Bill, its passage through Parliament, to its current, heavily cutback implementation. By placing the UK experience in its global context this book provides a comprehensive review of the key arenas where identity policies are developed and provides detailed recommendations for policy makers who wish to introduce or update their identity policy.

'In an age of 'identity management', when government seeks to define and to control identity, and the individual is besieged by fears of identity theft and the all-seeing, intrusive state, this excellent book provides much needed clarity, as well as all the information on the subject that anyone could possibly need. The authors have produced an essential reference book, which is concisely and elegantly argued: a must read for anyone concerned with the issues of identity.' - Henry Porter, The Observer

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