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The main goal of this Special Issue on Information Systems Action Research of the *Journal of Management Information Systems* is to demonstrate how action research synergistically associates research and practice in a holistic manner so that researchers inform practitioners and vice versa.

This Special Issue aims to publish a set of exemplars of empirical studies (from any epistemological stance) employing information systems action research. Consistent with the requirements of *JMIS*, each accepted paper will be expected to make a significant novel contribution to the discipline. Submissions must clearly demonstrate the potential of action research to generate novel, unexpected, and potentially high-impact insights in the field of information systems. With this main goal in mind, submissions may also incorporate one or more of the following elements, but such contributions must synergistically contribute to our understanding of the empirical study:

- Distinctions and commonalities between information systems action research and other forms of engaged scholarship such as design science, action design research, and ethnographic research.
- Consolidated discussions of various types of information systems action research, emphasizing those that remain as apparently distinct in terms of how they are conducted, represented and/or evaluated.
- Discussions of ontological and epistemological foundations of information systems action research, complemented by methodological toolkits to support action research investigations.
- Scholarly descriptions of mixed method approaches used in particular information systems research projects; e.g. action research with experimental or survey research, or action research following case study research.
- Descriptions of team information systems action research projects (perhaps virtual teams) where different investigators contribute their action research study to the whole.
- Discussions of theoretical contributions of information systems action research, with examples showing how theory might be constructed and further validated.

- Demonstrations of what rigor means in the context of information systems action research; e.g., how the theoretical basis of a practical solution is grounded, and how it might contribute to theory extension or theory development.
- Discussions of relationships between information systems researchers and research clients – e.g., senior academics and executives – demonstrating how action research can lead to improved organizational situations.

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