

**Introduction to Symposium**  
**“Data Harmonization in Political Science and Related Fields:  
Innovations, Challenges, and Visions for the Future”**  
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**ABSTRACT**

As data sources have multiplied in recent years, data harmonization has been gaining importance in political science and related fields. Generally understood as a process for combining data from multiple sources to create comparable data for analysis, the norms and practices for data harmonization are in early stages of development. The articles in this symposium contribute to broader interdisciplinary efforts to strengthen skills, develop definitions and standards, and improve the institutional infrastructure for data harmonization. Taken together, the articles in the symposium highlight key challenges, innovations, and visions for the future of this increasingly important process and method in political science and related fields.