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Reducing the digital divide is often considered as a major political matter in the digital economy. In fact, the very huge blurred notion of the digital divide encompasses many different questions mixing social, economic, and spatial dimensions. On the one hand, the digital divide is conceived as a new kind of basic inequality adding to existing economic, social and spatial disparities. On the other hand, number of studies suggest that the digital divide proves to be only a consequence of the pre-existing inequalities and fighting against it amounts to put the cart before the horse. However, beyond these contrasted points of view, few academic researches surprisingly permit to determine the very impact of ICTs on inequalities. In other words, the digital divide is insufficiently defined from a conceptual perspective. In particular, it turns out to be a poor theoretical tool in order to design efficient policies and to assess their actual impact. The main purpose of the international conference is to cast new lights on the institutional debate over the digital divide and particularly, to confront the results from various academic disciplines in order to produce some strategic guidelines for political and business decision-makers.

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