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Theresa A. Pardo, Ph.D., serves as Director of the research institute CTG UAlbany at the University of Albany, State University of New York. She is also a full research professor in Public Administration and Policy at Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy. Under her leadership, CTG UAlbany works closely with multi-sector and multi-disciplinary teams from the U.S. and around the world to carry out applied research and problem solving projects focused on the intersections of policy, management, and technology in the governmental context. CTG UAlbany has broken ground in information and knowledge sharing, smart cities, open government and open data, e-government, social media policy, and mobile technologies and human services delivery.

Dr. Pardo serves as OpenNY Adviser to New York State's Governor Andrew Cuomo and is Chair of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Advisory Committee. She serves as a member of the User Working Group of the NASA Socioeconomic Data and Applications Center (SEDAC), the Business and Operations Advisory Committee of the U.S. National Science Foundation and the Steering Committee of the U.S. National Science Foundation funded North East Big Data Innovation Hub. Dr. Pardo is founder of the Global Smart Cities Smart Government Research Practice Consortium and has served on numerous UN Expert Groups on a range of digital government and sustainable development related issues.

In 2019 Dr. Pardo was elected a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. She serves as an International Advisor to the E-Government Committee for the China Information Association and in 2016, served as the first female Chair of Oman's Excellence in E-Government Award Jury. Dr. Pardo is also a member of the Series Steering Committee for the International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance (ICEGOV), a United Nations University initiative. She is a Past-President of the Digital Government Society.

Dr. Pardo serves on a number of editorial boards for top journals in the fields of digital government and public administration including Government Information Quarterly and Public Management Review. She is co-developer of the top ranked academic program in Government Information Strategy and Management offered by Rockefeller College at the University at Albany, has published over 200 articles, research reports, practice guides, book chapters and case studies and is ranked among the top five scholars in her field in terms of productivity and citations to her published work.

In 2018 and 2019, Dr. Pardo was named as one of the Top 100 Influencers in Digital Government globally. In 2019 she received the Distinguished Service Award from the Digital Government Society. She is a recipient of Government Technology Magazine's Top 25 Doers, Drivers, and Dreamers Award which recognizes individuals throughout the U.S. who exemplify transformative use of technology that is improving the way government does business and serves its citizens. Dr Pardo is a recipient of the University at Albany's Distinguished Alumni Award, the University at Albany's Excellence in Teaching Award, and the Rockefeller College Distinguished Service Award.

Pardo holds a Ph.D. in Information Science from the University at Albany, SUNY.