2016 International Conference on Information Resources Management

Call for Papers

Theme: Digital Emancipation in a Networked Society

May 18-20, 2016, The Waterfront, Cape Town, South Africa

Important Dates
Extended Submission deadline: January 20, 2016
Notification of submission decision: February 21, 2016
Final submission due date for accepted papers: March 16, 2016
Early registration deadline: April 10, 2016

Submission website: http://conf-irm2016.uct.ac.za

The organizing committee invites you to submit your research, teaching cases and proposals for panels and tutorials to Conf-IRM 2016. All conference submissions will be double-blind peer-reviewed. The review process will be handled by the track chairs and co-chairs.

Submission Types and Guidelines

Full Length Submissions
Submissions must be no more than 12 pages, including references, appendices, and title page. All submissions must follow the submission template specifications. Submissions must be original and previously unpublished, conceptual or empirical research manuscripts. Papers that are highly rated by the reviewers will be considered for publications in selected journals. The paper that best represents, in terms of quality and suitability, the theme and ideals of the conference will be awarded the "Best Paper Award" during the conference.

Research-in-Progress Submissions
Submissions must be no more than 7 pages. All research-in-progress submissions will be published in the proceedings as short papers.

Teaching Cases
We welcome submissions of teaching cases. The cases should be based on real situations and targeted at specific learning objectives. Cases should be no more than 12 pages and must be accompanied by instructor teaching notes (not included in the 12 pages). The teaching notes will not be published.

Workshop, Panel, and Tutorial Submissions
Submissions must be no more than 3 pages. Proposals should include the objectives, topics to be covered and the full details of all presenters. Method of presentation is at the submitter's discretion; however, the submitter has the responsibility for providing his/her own panel members. All accepted proposals will appear in the conference proceedings.

In a globalized, interconnected world, information and communication technology (ICT) provides the tools that have the potential to contribute to create a prosperous, inclusive society. By facilitating the exchange of information, ICT can expand opportunities for transacting goods, improve access to health and education services, provide a platform for civic engagement, and open an alternative channel for cultural production. In contrast to this promising outlook, ICT tools have embedded logic which may intrude into the private space of the individual, deteriorate work conditions, exacerbate political control of oppressive regimes or erode traditional (typically, non-western) values. These contrasting consequences pose a formidable intellectual challenge to the information systems community. Our conference theme “Digital emancipation in a networked society” asks how the design and use of ICT can contribute to liberating the individual from economic, political, and social structures, which may not have played in their favor. We invite our colleagues to participate in and share their perspectives on this debate.
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Important Announcements

- Submissions must be anonymous for the blind review process.
- The number of submissions by an author (including joint authorship) is strictly limited to a maximum of two.
- Authors of accepted papers (at least one person per submission) and all panel members and tutorial presenters MUST register AND attend the conference.
- Submissions of ALL TYPES must be received by the above deadlines.
- While the primary language of the conferences is English, papers in French will also be accepted for the ICT for Development track and the ICT in Latin America and the Caribbean track will accept papers in Portuguese and Spanish, as well as English.
- Accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings in their entirety upon payment of registration fees. Papers accepted and presented at the conference will also be placed in the AIS e-Library. Papers not presented at the conference, for any reason, will not be included in the AIS e-Library.

Paper Development Workshop / Supporting Journals

- A round-table format Paper Development Workshop (PDW) is being planned. Selected papers from the conference will be invited to participate in the PDW. A number of senior scholars will be serving as mentors, including: Professor Izak Benbasat, Professor Fred Niederman, Professor Patrick Chau, and Professor Anol Bhattacherjee.
- Papers selected for the PDW will be channelled to the following journals that are supporting Conf-IRM 2016: Information and Management, Information Technology for Development, and African Journal of Information Systems.

Conference Tracks

| 1. Big Data, Business Intelligence, and Data Analytics | 8. Impacts of ICT on People, Organizations, and Society |
| 4. Green IS Strategies and Technologies | 11. ICT in Latin America and the Caribbean |
| 5. ICT for Development | 12. Digital Transformation, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation |

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We look forward to your submissions and seeing you in Cape Town, South Africa in May 2016!