Workshop ID: F2

TITLE:
Developing Activity Theory In Information Studies (Datis)

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1) SHORT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the 5th Developing Activity Theory in Information Studies (DATIS) workshop is to provide a forum for IS scholars using Activity Theory (AT). In recent decades the use of AT has developed in the field of Information Systems (IS) (Allen et al., 2013; Karanasios 2018; Malaurent and Avison 2015; Simeonova, 2018, Karanasios et al. 2021; Kelly, 2018; Simeonova et al, 2024), as well as related fields such as Human Computer Interaction (Kaptelinin & Nardi, 2006; Kuutti, 1996; Nardi, 1996), information studies (Allen et al., 2011; Spasser, 1999; Wilson, 2008), organisation studies (Engeström 2000; Jazrabkowski 2003; Blackler, 2011) and communications (Spinuzzi, 2012). Building on these interests, the workshop aims to:

1. Strengthen the community of international researchers using AT in IS related fields.
2. Provide opportunities for researchers to reflect, gain insights, and receive developmental feedback on work in progress.
3. Provide support for scholars, particularly PhD students and Early Career Researchers (ECRs) who are exploring AT.

The workshop provides a unique opportunity to bring together ECRs, senior researchers, and people working with AT who focus on different IS domains, including Artificial Intelligence and IS, Global Development and IS, IS and Design, and IS and Education.

This year's DATIS will feature a keynote from Dr Clay Spinuzzi, plus a focus on 4th generation AT (Engeström and Sannino 2021, Spinuzzi and Guile 2019). We encourage discussion of insights and dilemmas that speak to the ECIS "People First: Constructing Digital Futures Together" theme, emphasising technological, as well as ethical, social and cultural aspects of IS, all concerns central to AT.

Previous DATIS events (from 2016 to 2023) have been well attended, providing a platform for collaboration, networking, critique, and expanding AT and IS research. Past workshops have helped participants mature their work, strengthening the rationale for ongoing DATIS workshops.

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2) DETAILED DESCRIPTION

RELEVANT DATES, TIME, AND FORMAT

Deadline for submission of short paper (500 words): MONDAY 22 APRIL 2024
Notification of acceptance: Authors to be notified within 10 days of submitting paper
Workshop format: In person only
Date and time of the workshop: 16 JUNE 2024, 9am – 5pm

SUBMISSION DETAILS AND DATES

Deadline for submission of short paper (500 words): MONDAY 22 APRIL 2024
Short papers can be emailed to Paul Kelly (p.kelly@essex.ac.uk) any time before the deadline.
Please include the words "DATIS WORKSHOP" in the email Subject Line.

Accepted short papers will be circulated prior to the workshop.
Paper submission is not required for attendance and participation at the DATIS workshop.
Workshop Submission Guidelines: https://ecis2024.eu/pdws-ancillary-meetings/

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