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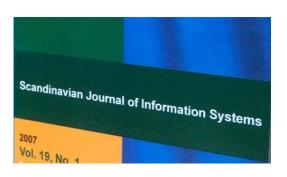
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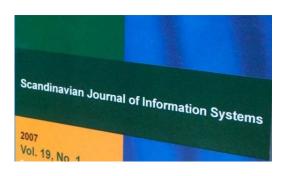
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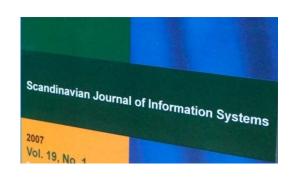
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- SJIS is the journal of the IRIS Association, the Scandinavian chapter of AIS. Web pages:
 - iris-sjis.org, sjis-iris.org, iris-sjis.com, sjis-iris.com
 - These all point to iris.cs.aau.dk
 - aisel.aisnet.org/sjis
- First issue published in 1989, now volume 25
- Publishes 2 issues per year
 - regular research papers
 - special issue papers
 - debate papers & responses
- All articles available through the AIS electronic library and also from AAU web page (Open Access)

Recent SJIS special issues and debate forums



Special issues:

- IT project management
- distributed participatory design
- genre theory in IS
- activity theory
- software process improvement
- the intersections of ethnography and intervention in IS research
- development and use of web-based information systems
- e-government in Scandinavia

Debate forums:

- Sociomateriality
- Past and present of participatory design
- IS as a design science
- Ontological foundations for conceptual modelling
- Socio-Theoretic Accounts of IS: The Problem of Agency





- Publishes research on development and use of IS, and related organizational and societal issues
- Draws on Scandinavian research traditions, emphasizing engagement with the field
 - but not confined by geographical boundaries
 - -> "Scandinavian research" as a metaphor
- Welcomes theoretical and methodological pluralism

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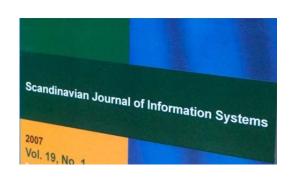
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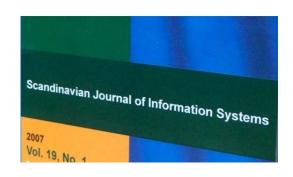
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Submission guidelines



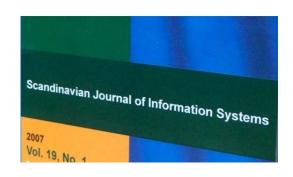
- Submit your original manuscripts through the BEPress system - linked on the AIS page: http://aisel.aisnet.org/sjis/
- Authors are welcome to discuss the suitability of their paper with any of the members of the editorial board before formal submission.
- Manuscript submissions should be in MS Word format, double spaced. Manuscripts should not exceed 10.000 words, including abstract, references and appendices.

Review process



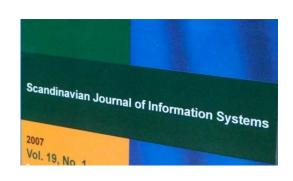
- The Editor-in-Chief does the initial screening of manuscripts
 - is the focus of the paper within the scope of the journal?
 - does the research represent a potential contribution?
 - is the presentation quality adequate (language, structure, references, etc.)?
- If passing the screening, one of the editors is assigned as Associate Editor to handle the review process, and sends the manuscript for a double-blind review by three reviewers.
- The initial round of review normally does not take longer than ten weeks from the date of submission.

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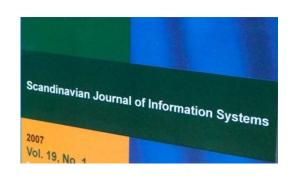
- The Associate Editor sends his report together with the three reviews to the authors. In the first round, manuscripts normally receive one of the following evaluations:
 - revise and resubmit
 - conditional acceptance with major revision
 - reject
- Most manuscripts go through 2-3 rounds of reviews.
 - For each revision, the authors need to submit a report explaining how the comments in the AE report have been addressed
- If accepted, authors do final formatting according to instructions from the production manager.
 The formatted manuscript is proof read by the authors before publication.

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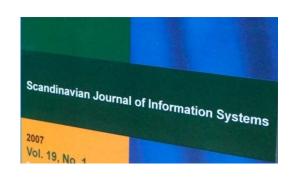
- If in doubt whether SJIS is the right outlet for your work, consult one of the editors
- Present a clear argument for the contribution of the paper in the introduction
 - what is new? how does this paper contribute to extant research
 - present an explicit problem statement and/or research question(s)
 - the detailed review of related research should not be presented in the introduction, but in a separate section
- Present a thorough review of related research
 - Position your research within the relevant stream(s) of research
 - Cover recent work in the relevant area(s)
 - Check for relevant papers in the SJIS archive

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- Present explicitly your theoretical lens
- Present your research method in sufficient detail
 - Especially for qualitative studies, be sure to explain how your data was collected and analyzed
- In discussion and concluding sections, present explicitly the new knowledge contributed from your research and its validity
 - Do not present claims/arguments that cannot be supported by your empirical findings and/or previous research
- Discuss implications for practice and further research

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- Make sure your paper is technically in shape
 - proof read, if needed get language assistance
 - have someone read through the manuscript before submission
 - check references
- For submission of IRIS papers, take advantage of the comments from your working group!
- In the review process, show endurance
 - take the reviewers' comments seriously and address these in your response
 - be prepared to work with conflicting reviews
 - be willing to undertake major revisions of your manuscript