



Call for Papers to the 36th Information Systems Research Seminar in Scandinavia – IRIS 2013

August 11th - 14th August 2013

IRIS provides a well-established community where you can build and sustain your Nordic research network. IRIS is famous for its unreserved and egalitarian (= Nordic) atmosphere where it is easy to present and discuss your research. IRIS is organized in conjunction with the Scandinavian Conference on Information Systems (SCIS) and offers an informal atmosphere with a number of different activities such as workshops and keynote speeches. The workgroups of IRIS also offers thorough feedback on your work and deep insight into other researchers' work. All papers in a work group should have been read by all participants in that working group, thus, using minimal time in the presentation of the papers, and maximal time in discussing the papers. The authors who submit a paper also act as reviewers in the review process. The conference is not open only for researchers from the Nordic countries, we also welcome people from other parts of the world, bringing along and delivering views other than the Nordic ones into the discussion.

Theme: “Digital living”

During the three and a half decades since the IRIS seminar was initiated, our societies, organizations and personal lives have been profoundly affected by Information and communication technologies. ICTs are ubiquitous in our lives – embedded into everyday appliances, constituting core tools for organizational work, and acting as central mediators for our social life, both in the small, personal scale and on a political and societal scale. We now live “digital lives”.

Our keynote presenters illuminate this theme from different angles:

ULRIKE SCHULTZE (Southern Methodist University, USA), known for her research on virtual worlds

TOM IGOE (New York University, USA), artist and professor on physical computing

ERIK FOSSE (Oslo University Hospital, Norway) will illuminate how digital technologies have revolutionized medicine

We want to question what 'digital living' implies, both on a personal, group, organizational and societal level. What are the struggles, tensions and results that has emerged as we have gone from "digitizing" our organizations and societies to "living with the digital"? We seek to discuss experiences of "digital living" within a multitude of empirical settings, and analyzed from different theoretical perspectives. How do IS research respond to the fundamental changes this has brought about?

- How do core IS activities such as development and implementation change when most of the population is now "digital natives"?
- How organizations today deal with their increasingly complex systems' portfolios?
- What are the societal effects of ICT becoming ubiquitous in everyday situations, such as travel, shopping, everyday logistics and community work?
- How do gaming, virtual worlds, social media, and free downloading affect society – education, economy, work life and culture?
- How do people relate to each other when interaction is mediated through social networks?
- What are the effects of ICTs becoming intimately intertwined into daily practices of care for elderly and frail people?
- How can the border between the physical/analogue and digital aspects of our lives be designed and dealt with?
- How can basic human capacities be utilized in interaction and collaboration with digital devices?
- Through which means are accessibility, privacy and individuality of digital lives being regulated, standardised and governed?
- How do "digital living" unfold in resource-constrained contexts, such as urban slums or rural, remote locations?

Scandinavian Conference on Information Systems is open for all kinds of submissions that present innovative contributions to a specified IS research field.

We seek contributions of various types: empirical studies that explore the way we live with ICTs in any domain, and that illuminates challenges, opportunities, problems and/or solution strategies. We also encourage theoretical and methodological reflections on how these phenomena can be studied and conceptualized.

Important dates:

April 1st, 2013: Submissions due

May 25th, 2013: Reviews finalized and submitted

June 1st, 2013: Notification of acceptance for IRIS with editorial comments

June 20th, 2013: Submission of final versions

June 20th, 2013: Deadline for authors to register to the conference (with early bird fee)