

26th EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION SYSTEMS
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ECIS 2018 - Call for tracks

Beyond Digitization - Facets of Socio-Technical Change

Submission Deadline: March 31st 2017.



The 2018 European Conference on Information Systems, to be held in Portsmouth, UK, will be hosted by the University of Portsmouth on June 23rd – 28th, 2018. The theme of the conference: “**Beyond Digitization - Facets of Socio-Technical Change**” reflects that information systems (IS) consist of both human and technical aspects. The development of the IS discipline since the 1960’s has been characterised by efforts to achieve a forward trajectory from a software-centred focus towards a human-centred focus. This is reflected in the agendas of many of the original socio-technical movements, and underpins the recent resurgence in interest in socio-technical ideas.

The foundation of the IS discipline (in the late Sixties) is built on the proposition that any artefact on which we turn an IS lens cannot be seen as hardware, software or human-based in isolation. This is still true in an increasingly digital world. We, in the IS discipline, are constantly faced with the reality that we engage and pursue an agenda to facilitate change, or redevelopment of organized human activities. The digital world has and is resulting in fundamental changes throughout society affecting organisations and human endeavour. The socio-technical theme provides a base to make sense of IS within the digitized world.

In addition to the conference theme, ECIS hope to attract a range of traditional track themes that have been at the heart of the IS community in Europe over the last quarter century, as well as tracks covering new emergent themes. The aim of the ECIS 2018 will be to form a meeting place for people in the IS field to discuss fundamental and innovative issues related to Information Systems.

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Topics for Track Proposals

We welcome both established and emerging topics that draw significant attention within IS research. A conference theme track “**Beyond Digitization - Facets of Socio-Technical Change**” has already been set up.

Topics of interests include (but are not limited to):

- Business Process Modelling and Management
- Culture and IS
- Data Science, Business Analytics and Decision Support
- Digital society
- Digital workplace
- E-Business and Competitive Strategy
- Economics and IS
- Enterprise Systems and Enterprise Modelling
- European and Cultural Issues in IS
- Green and Sustainable IS
- Healthcare Information Systems
- Human Aspects of IS and Cyber-Security
- Human-Computer Interaction and IS Interface Design
- Information and Enterprise Content Management
- Inter-Organizational Systems
- IS Artefacts and IS Artefact Design
- IS Development and Evaluation
- IS Diversity and Diversity in IS
- IS Management and IS Governance
- IS Innovation, Adoption and Diffusion
- Practice Theories and IS
- Project Management in IS
- Research Methods and Philosophy
- Security and Privacy of Information and IS
- Service Engineering and Service Management
- Social Media
- Socio-Technical Approaches and IS
- Sustainable Organizational Systems and IS
- Ubiquitous and Mobile Information Systems

Track Chair Responsibilities

We cordially invite fellow researchers to propose tracks on their particular field of interest. Your responsibilities as a track chair will be to:

1. Liaise with the program chairs on all matters that concern ECIS 2018;
2. Promote the track and take sufficient measures to ensure an adequate number of submissions;
3. Organise a peer review cycle for the papers submitted to your track, assisted by a set of associate editors (AEs). Track chairs will nominate associate editors for the reviewing process, and they will assure that each paper will receive three high quality reviews;
4. Propose to the program committee the papers that will eventually be accepted for inclusion into the conference program; nominate papers for the award for best paper;
5. Create an attractive track program;
6. At least one of the track co-chairs should attend ECIS 2018 and serve as session chair in your track.

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Structure of Track proposals

Track proposals should include:

1. A title for the track.
2. Names, e-mail and mailing addresses, affiliations, phone numbers, urls of website of each of the three track co-chairs. Please designate one of the co-chairs as the primary contact person.
3. A short description of the track and its focus (maximum length: 500 words and about 10 to 15 potential suggested topics): define the proposed area of research; discuss the topics the track will address and how these align with the ECIS 2018 conference theme.
4. A discussion on how these topics have recently been covered in other conferences and publications, substantiating that ECIS 2018 will be an appropriate and timely forum for the topics.
5. A tentative list of associate editors for the proposed track (between 10 and 15). Please provide names and affiliations, and indicate if they may already have committed themselves to serve as AEs for your track.
6. Short bios of each co-track chair including your track record (if any) in organising tracks, or in other academic services in the IS community.

Track chairs are encouraged to make fast track or special issue arrangements with leading journals that fit the topic of the track.

Evaluation

Each proposal will be evaluated by the conference chairs in cooperation with the program chairs. Decisions will be based on (a) the overall merit of the proposal, (b) the significance of the subject covered, (c) the profile and diversity of the track team, and the (d) fit with the conference theme.

The conference chairs will select tracks with the objective being to (a) balance the more traditional IS topics with emerging topics, and (b) to support diversity of chairs and AEs in gender, experience, and geographical background. If needed, track proposals might be merged in order to obtain the best possible coverage of topics and the best mix of track chairs.

Evaluations will be carried out by the conference chairs in cooperation with program chairs.

Program Chairs

Carl Adams, School of Computing, University of Portsmouth, UK

Brian Fitzgerald, University of Limerick, Ireland

Dorothy Leidner, Baylor University, USA & University of Lund, Sweden

Submissions

Track proposals should be e-mailed to carl.adams@port.ac.uk as soon as possible but **no later than March 31st, 2017, 12pm CET**. Notifications of acceptance or rejection of proposed tracks will be sent out by June 1st, 2017.

Please once again note that in order to ensure interesting and a sufficiently extensive range of tracks, the ECIS 2018 Conference Chairs might approach you with a suggestion to modify your track proposal. In case there are proposals for identical or similar topics, the committee might ask you to consider joining forces with another group. Track proposals that do not meet the criteria can be directly rejected by the organizers.

On behalf of the ECIS 2018 team,

Peter Bednar, School of Computing, University of Portsmouth, UK

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