

ECIS 2018

Beyond Digitization - Facets of Socio-Technical Change



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.

Conference Chairs

Peter Bednar, School of Computing, University of Portsmouth, UK
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Karlheinz Kautz, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University, Australia

Overview:

ECIS 2018 – Beyond Digitization - Facets of Socio-Technical Change: June 23rd – 28th, 2018:

- Saturday and Sunday: Doctoral Consortium (June 23rd -24th)
- Monday: Workshops and Tutorials; Junior Faculty Consortium (June 25th)
- Tuesday: ECIS main conference including Keynote (June 26th)
- Wednesday: ECIS main conference including Socio-Technical Symposium (June 27th)
- Thursday: ECIS main conference and conclusion (June 28th)

Important Dates

Submission System open [tbc]:	October 6 th 2017	Notification of paper acceptance:	March 25 th , 2018
Paper Submission deadline:	November 27 th 2017	Doctoral Consortium (DC) nomination deadline:	January 25 th , 2018
Deadline for Workshop proposals	December 11 th 2017	Early registration deadline:	March 31 st , 2018
Notification of Workshop acceptance	January 15 th 2018	Notification of DC acceptance:	March 24 th , 2018
Reviews due:	January 24 th 2018	Submission of final paper version:	March 31 st , 2018
ECIS 2018 Conference and DC	June 23 rd -28 th , 2018		

ECIS 2018 invites you to participate in the conference that will take place in the historical city and naval base Portsmouth, UK.

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