Track 19: Research Methods and Philosophy

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Description

The track invites submissions that contribute new insights in the field of IS research methods and relevant philosophies. Historically, there is a strong and valuable tradition in IS research that combines a focus on the particular methodological challenges of IS research with the broader perspectives of philosophy. In particular we welcome submissions that relate to the topic of ECIS 2014: Digital Work, Digital Life. Today digital technology is not only changing work organizations, but also global society and civic life. How can our current or new research methods address these issues, and how can philosophy enrich our modes of enquiry?

Topics of Interest

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Assessment and further development of research methods applicable for emerging IS topics, such as social media analysis and cloud computing.
- How can we conduct research in the digitally mediated experiences in everyday activities, also referred to as experiential computing?
- Which methods are suitable for empirical research based on such theoretical concepts as socio-materiality and affordances?
- Methodological aspects and experiences of the “living labs” approach.
- Which philosophical perspectives and methods can be used to understand the increasing inter-connectedness of information systems, such as platforms and digital infrastructures?
- How can the IS field exploit the increasing availability of public data?
- New approaches and techniques within quantitative methods.
Methodological developments related to emerging paradigms in IS, such as critical realism, design research and engaged scholarship.

Is there too much ethnography and too little big data in European IS research?

Examples of effective combination of multiple research methods.

Meta studies that can bring together the outcomes and effectiveness of different methods applied in IS research.

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