

Community Development and Technology Minitrack

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Description:

The mini track on Community Development and Technology deals with the impact of the use of information systems on groups and organizations, particularly as it relates to formal and informal networks.

Community development efforts associated with the reduction in poverty and injustice historically have not benefited from the productivity and efficiency as well as private industry and government. Recently, declining entry barriers and Web ubiquity has spurred IS use for community development. This mini-track is designed to explore those uses and to encourage additional thoughts and models for IS as a tool for community development efforts.

Topics:

This mini track focuses on two kinds of papers.

- (1) Research on tools to support development for existing communities, at levels ranging from local to international.
- (2) Analysis of issues, such as social capital and social networks, Particular to community development, and needed to inform tool development to maximize tool value to community development efforts.