

▼ Introduction to Social Issues in Organizations Minitrack

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Social issues in organizations represents one of the most often discussed areas in information systems research. Social issues are those most aligned with the human factors in information systems planning, development and utilization. This minitrack was designed to include all aspects of social issues impacting organizations and individual computer users. This includes the conceptualization of specific social issues and their associated constructs, proposed designs and infrastructures, empirical validation of social models, and case studies illustrating socialization successes and failures. Overall this minitrack has run for 14 years at HICSS and has generated interest by over 300 academic researchers.

Key topics for this year's minitrack cover ideas such as ethics, culture, teams, work design, security, project management, conflict management, IT adoption, technology acceptance, personal innovativeness, instant messaging, and organizational communication. This year, 13 papers were submitted resulting in 6 accepted papers grouped into two themes: (1) project management and (2) IT adoption.

Session #1: Social Issues - Projects

The first paper is called "Too Many Cooks Spoiling a Soup"? Making Sense of a Distributed, Multi-party IS Project," by Riitta Hekkala, University of Oulu; Netta Iivari, University of Oulu; and Raija Halonen, University of Oulu.

The second paper is called "The Impact of Conflict and Conflict Management Style on

Deadbeats and Deserters in Virtual Teams," by Kimberly Furumo, University of Hawaii at Hilo.

The third paper is "Understanding the Relationship between Justice and Team Goal Commitment in Virtual Project Teams: An Empirical Investigation," by Eric Tze Kuan Lim, Simon Fraser University; and Yu-Ting Caisy Hung, National University of Singapore.

Session #2: Social Issues - IT Adoption

The first paper is "Information Technology Adoption by Small Businesses in Minority and Ethnic Communities," by Sajda Qureshi, University of Nebraska Omaha; and Anne York, Creighton University.

The second paper is called "Personality and Technology Acceptance: Personal Innovativeness in IT, Openness and Resistance to Change," by Oded Nov, Polytechnic University, New York; and Chen Ye, University of Illinois at Chicago.

* The final paper is called "The Influence of Instant Messaging Usage Behavior on Organizational Communication Satisfaction," by Shih-Ming Pi, Chung Yuan Christian University; Yi-Chih Liu, Chung Yuan Christian University; Tsang-Yao Chen, Chung Yuan Christian University; and Shih-Hua Li, National Central University.

** Indicates best paper nomination.*