Introduction to HICSS-47 Organizational and Social Dynamics in Information Technology Minitrack

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This track addresses social issues related to information technology. Social issues are those research topics most aligned with the human factor in terms of information systems planning, development and utilization.

The author of the first paper titled “Emergent Technology, Ethical Governance & Global Inequality,” addresses the timely topic that we as researchers must inject scientific and ethical habits of thought into the entire global distributed governance process.

“Managing the Achievement of Strategic Organizational Goals through Projects: Understanding the Role of Management Practices,” offers to the reader insight into the maturation and development of organizational strategies in order to achieve effective goal setting. Several hundred managers were surveyed to further explore sound management practices that can enable an organization to achieve planned strategic goals.

The third paper offers research related to ERP systems and the end user’s social identity towards the ERP project team. As noted in the title “The Effect of Coaligned Stakeholder Support on ERP End User’s Identity, ERP Use-Related Activities and Perceived ERP Performance.

The next paper offers knowledge into the fascinating topic of IT addiction. The author’s paper titled “When Too Much Usage Is Too Much: Exploring the Process of IT Addiction,” explores the development of a process of theory related to IT addiction that explains how these behavior progress through time.

Further exploring people’s behaviors, the next paper addressed “Young People and Smart Phones: An Empirical Study on Information Security.” This study reports on mobile phone usage by young adults in the UK, and their attitudes towards data security issues for mobile devices are explored.

The final paper in the series rounds out the track with the title of “Participation’ in the Context of Building an Information Infrastructure – a ‘Future School’ Case. The paper contributes by offering a careful analysis of what participation entails in this case, acknowledging both users and other stakeholders.