



ICT&S Center
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Invitation to Global Network on Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) and Society

The ICT&S Center of the University of Salzburg invites to establish a global research network in the field of information and communication technologies and society, information society studies, new media studies, social informatics including hci, and the like, in order to contribute to this emerging field. Objective(s) of the network are

- mutual exchange on research issues and results targeting the urgent problems of ICT and society
- developing useful inter- and transdisciplinary methods for researching this complex issues
- working together in international research projects and
- training young scholars in researching related complex research questions.

The first meeting of the proponents and interested participants of the network will take place from 19-21th of June 2008. It will include two activities:

I. Network Meeting – 19th of June 2008, 14.00–21.00

Preliminary Agenda of the Kick-off-day

- Opening
- Introduction to objective of network
- Presentation of the institute, research field & topics
- Open space for exchange and discussion on the activities of the network
- Other ideas
- Evening Programme

Participating institutions:

The following institutes and representatives have already confirmed their participation:

- bill dutton, oxford internet institute,
- robin mansell, department of media and communications, london school of economics
- gunilla bradley, school of ict, royal institute of technology, stockholm
- gustavo cardoso, centre for research and studies in sociology, lissabon
- lars qvortrup, royal school of library and information science, copenhagen
- paschal preston, centre for society, technology and media, dublin city university

II. "Network Research Workshop" on ICTs and Society for Early Stage Researcher, 20th of June 2008, 9.00–18.00

Early stage researchers are defined as researchers in the first 4 years (full-time equivalent) of their research activity, including the period of research training. The network to be established wants to foster the scientific exchange of young researchers in the field of ICTs and society. In future this could be done also on a more regular base, e.g. a summer school or a Marie Curie Early Stage Training (ESR), for which Fellowship might be available in the future (see http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/home_en.html).

During the network meeting, early stage researchers are invited to present their respective dissertation projects and ongoing research work in a special one-day network research workshop (maximum 20 participants).

- Theme(s): the themes can be chosen individually; however, research contributions should deal with real world problems targeting the complex relation of Information and Communication Technologies and Society.
- Benefit for young researchers: scientific staff, professors and assistant professors of the proposed network will peer-review the contributions and are available for discussion and guiding/support of further research work prior the face-to-face workshop and during the one-day workshop. Students will benefit from this direct and open feedback and knowledge exchange within a small, highly qualified international auditorium.

In order to prepare the workshop any research institution, interested in the forthcoming network on ICTs and society, can apply/recommend one of its student for participation of the workshop. The selection of participation follows a two-step process:

- Step 1: The institution will nominate a young researcher of its community and send a short abstract of his/her research project (title and summary of research work and methods; max.100 words) and a scientific CV of the young researcher. Deadline for nomination: 30th January, 2008

In case more than 20 participants will apply, the scientific staff of the ICT&S center will convene and rate the participants. Notification, 15th of February, 2008

- Step 2: The selected young scholars will be invited to send a short or full paper before the workshop starts. This contributions to the workshop may be published on the Sun SITE Central Europe Portal for online proceedings for scientific workshops <http://ftp.informatik.rwth-aachen.de/Publications/CEUR-WS/> Deadline for papers: 30 April, 2008
- Contact and mail to: Dr. Christian Fuchs
http://www.icts.sbg.ac.at/content.php?id=1401&m_id=1009&ch_id=&persid=1324

Joint Excursion of the Network in the surrounding of Salzburg, 21th of June 2008

The participants will share their spirit of the to – be – built network in a joint excursion to the places of interest in Salzburg Town and/or the lovely Salzkammergut. Details on that follow in February 2008.

Get to know the participants

Several weeks prior to the network meeting, we will offer a platform/and invite the participants to introduce themselves. A workshop blog will serve for preparing the sessions and working collaboratively on themes either before and/or after the session.

Organisation

Travel: You can reach Salzburg by flight via Munich or train; information on that, see the ict&s homepage http://www.icts.sbg.ac.at/content.php?id=1014&m_id=1014

Accommodation: you will be assisted in search for cheap accommodation by the ict&s organisation. For contact person, see ict&s homepage http://www.icts.sbg.ac.at/content.php?id=1014&m_id=1014

Funding

The organisers of the event, ICT&S Center will be happy to cover the costs for lunches and beverages during the whole stay. Transportation and accommodation costs have to be funded by the institution or external sponsoring.

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