

Collocated Social Practices Surrounding Photos

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Following the uptake of digital cameras there has been considerable interest from the HCI field in contemporary photographic practices. Recent studies on people's interactions with printed and digital photos have drawn attention to the novel social practices that continue to emerge in light of technical advances. The ways in which people approach the capture, sharing, storing and display of photos are rapidly changing, and the scope of these changes, along with their social and cultural implications, raises interesting challenges and possibilities for the design of supportive technologies.

This special issue aims to build on what has become an established corpus of HCI studies on photography, reflecting past research and bringing together recent technical developments, empirical studies and thoughts on method and theory. The special issue will thus present a set of high quality original research that considers the collocated social practices that surround photos and how these might inform the design of new technologies. Relevant topics include, but are not limited to:

- Existing collocated practices surrounding photos and how these reflect and feed into social and cultural relationships, either in the home, workplace or wider community;
- Adoption of existing technologies into the sharing, display, or organisation of photos, and their effects on the social context of use;
- Development of new technologies and how these might support existing and future social practices surrounding photos;
- Exploration of concepts such as photowork and photo-talk, and how these might further inform technology innovation;
- Fundamental methods and principles of user research for studying photos within a social context, and the complexities associated with this.

Articles must be based on original research, although extended versions of conference papers may be acceptable if they contain at least 50% new material. It is expected that the special issue will include some articles extended from papers that were presented at the 2008 CHI workshop on Collocated Social Practices Surrounding Photos, but other original articles are also welcome.

Submissions encouraged are:

- Theoretical papers dealing with descriptive or explanatory models of the social impact and use of digital photography;
- Methodological papers concentrating on how to analyse social practices associated with photos and photo-related technologies;
- Papers detailing the development of new technologies and how they might fit existing social practices or trigger new ones;
- Empirical papers grounded in either qualitative or quantitative approaches.

Complete articles should be submitted by the deadline of 21st November, 2008. Papers will be subject to the full IJHCS review process, with decisions expected by 27th February, 2009.

Submission instructions

Manuscripts should not exceed 8000 words. Papers should be prepared according to the IJHCS Guide for authors, and should be submitted online. The IJHCS Guide for authors and online submission are available at <http://ees.elsevier.com/ijhcs/>. To submit to the Special Issue, please select Article Type "SI: Photo Practices" and state in the "Enter Comments" section that the paper is intended for the "Collocated social practices surrounding photos Special Issue being edited by Lindley et al." If you are a first time user of the journal's online submission tool, you will have to register yourself as an author on the system. Potential authors should contact Siân Lindley (v-silind@microsoft.com) with any questions about the special issue.

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21st November 2008, 1st submission deadline

27th February 2009, notification of 1st review

1st May 2009, 2nd submission deadline

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