

Call for Papers

Special Issue of International Journal of Human-Computer Studies

Title: Locative Media and Communities

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Topic

The development of locative media applications is not simply about the physical location or social setting in which the interaction occurs, but rather about situating the media within the social setting of a community. This Special Issue will explore the potential for locative media applications to support community cohesion and the integration of such media within existing community structures and practices. The workshop will address the dual challenge of capturing the temporary and spatially changeable nature of behaviours with locative media, as well as responding to the intricate web of strong and weak social ties that make up local social networks, in order to find ways to support community practices. In terms of methodology it will focus on the potential of ethnographic approaches for investigating and evaluating the integration of media in these social settings.

This special issue aims to present a set of high-quality and original research outcomes. We hope to receive submissions that offer insights into appropriate methodologies for identifying requirements, evaluating behaviour and integrating locative media in real-world communities. We invite contributions that respond to some of the following questions:

- How can mobile media be located within existing communities and social settings?
- How can we find better ways of enabling and supporting locative media in community practices?
- How can mobile media foster communities and facilitate daily living, such as for communities in rural areas or the elderly?
- How can ethnographic methods inform and evaluate the place and integration of media in community settings?

Submissions

This special issue follows from a workshop held at MobileHCI09: Community Practices and Locative Media (<http://www.uni-siegen.de/locatingmedia/workshop.html?lang=de>).

We now invite members of the research community to submit original articles relevant to the topic. Although articles must be based on original research, extended versions of conference papers may be acceptable if they contain at least 50% new material. Papers will be subject to the full IJHCS review process.

Submission instructions

Manuscripts should generally not exceed 7000 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/>.

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