



IFIP WG 8.2: Organizational and societal issues of information systems

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IS Perspectives and Challenges in the Context of Globalization

IFIP Joint WG 8.2+9.4 Conference

15-17 June 2003 (Sunday to Tuesday)

Venue: Athens University of Economics and Business, Athens, Greece

<http://www.aueb.gr/ifip-isglob03/>

Second Call for Papers

The conference focuses on **organizational information systems** from a **global perspective**. 'Globalization' can be seen as a contradictory process, which may imply increased interconnectedness of local actors but also 'globalism' in the form of increased transnational uniformity. Following Geoff Walsham, the Joint 8.2+9.4 conference urges Information Systems researchers around the globe "to study *particular* individuals, groups, organizations, or societies in detail, and *in context*." Contextually aware studies of organizational information systems from all parts of the world form the basis for comparisons and inferences from a global viewpoint in this conference.

The conference will be preceded by the first **IS PhD Supervisors' Workshop** on Saturday, 14 June 2003. The workshop is organised by Prof. David Avison, avison@essec.fr

SUBMISSIONS

Full **research papers** (5,000 words), **work-in-progress papers** (2,500 words), **panel, workshop and tutorial proposals** can be submitted. Paper submissions should be made as a MS Word or .rtf document formatted according to the *MIS Quarterly* guidelines <http://www.misq.org/roadmap/standards.html#Link6> All submissions should be made by electronic mail to one of the Program Co-Chairs:

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All manuscripts will be reviewed by a panel of referees, and those accepted will be presented in the conference. Full papers will be included in the proceedings volume published by Kluwer. Check the conference web site for **further instructions** by late September.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline for receipt of all submissions: **October 30, 2002**
- Notification of acceptance of papers: **January 20, 2003**
- Camera Ready manuscript due from authors: **February 28, 2003**

EXAMPLES OF POSSIBLE SUB-THEMES AND TOPICS (non-inclusive list)

- "Think globally, act locally": Local software industry in specific countries, in the context of globalization
- IS development and use in specific organizations in specific countries, in the context of globalization
- IS in globally operating enterprises
- Global IT products (e.g. SAP) and their implementation locally: Challenges
- Globalizing supply chains of software development and deployment
- IS brain drain from developing countries and emerging economies
- Uniformity or diversity of IS development methodologies in the era of globalization
- Uniformity or diversity of IS research frameworks and methodologies in the era of globalization: IS theory vs. socio-economic, cultural and political diversity
- IS driven perspectives on work and organizational design
- Information infrastructures at the global, inter- and intra-organizational levels.
- Societal and cultural issues of IS: Theoretical frameworks, research methodologies, empirical studies, cross-societal and cross-cultural comparisons
- The IS 'digital divide' within a society and between countries: Empirical research, theory and possible strategies for overcoming it

For more information visit:

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