

Exploratory Papers: A New Venue for ECSCW 2017

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For this 2017 edition of the ECSCW conference, we are excited to introduce the Exploratory Papers venue. The goal for this new conference genre was to attract focused studies, works-in-progress, critical literature reviews, early results, and provocative ideas that are not yet ready for a journal submission, but could benefit from presentation and discussion within the ECSCW community.

This inaugural year, we received 27 submissions from 14 countries, and accepted 16 papers. All submissions were reviewed by the ECSCW Program Committee members without the involvement of external reviewers. Reviewing was conducted in two rounds. During the first round, all committee members served exclusively as “reviewers”. In the second round, one reviewer on each paper was assigned the “leading reviewer” role and asked to lead an online discussion of the paper, and write a meta-review based on the reviews and discussion. The goal of the discussion and meta-review was to generate a proposed accept or reject decision. As the venue chairs, we then considered all of the review scores and comments, and made final decisions. We hope that the selected papers will be both inspirational and provocative, inciting constructive discussions around topics such as workplace digitization, privacy and identity in

the IoT era, leading digital lives in the ever expanding online sharing domains, or designing in the “smart city” and “smart building” contexts.

Creating this program was a truly collaborative and international effort, and we would like to extend our thanks to many people who have helped along the way. First, thank you to Luigina Ciolfi and David Randall for inviting us to co-chair the Exploratory Papers venue. It was a great experience working with you as we were brainstorming and launching this new venue. We would also like to thank Charlotte Lee for her valuable input about the venue goals. The idea for having a venue like exploratory papers at ECSCW was initially discussed among the members of the ECSCW taskforce during the first EUSSET International Summer School on CSCW in Como, Italy, in 2015. The proposition was validated by the ECSCW Foundation and its organization proceeded under the auspices of EUSSET - European Society for Socially Embedded Technologies. Our last discussion with the late David Martin was about naming this venue. We hope he would have liked the results.

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