Editorial

Human-Centred Issues in Information Systems

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The Editors are pleased to offer this opportunity for the associate editor for Information Systems to outline issues of current interest in the domain, and seek contributions from potential authors.

The latter quarter of the 20th century saw a growing interest in research and practice into information systems viewed from a combination of social, technical and cognitive perspectives. With this in mind, contributions are invited from researchers and practitioners in these domains, addressing conceptual, methodological, and empirical studies. Reports of action research or cases demonstrating the relevance of theoretical constructs to practical interventions will be particularly welcomed. The editors have no preferred theoretical or practical perspective and welcome chapters that assume a multidisciplinary approach to the analysis of information systems.

Representative topics include but are not limited to the following:

- Case studies or action research covering the operational development and management of:
 - Information systems.
 - Information security.
 - Information strategy.
- Reports of interventions in the private and public sectors.
- Issues of conflict resolution in information systems management.
- Reports of system failure.
- The relationships between people, organisations and information technology.
- The role of organisational culture in information systems management.

- The role of organisational structure in information systems management.
- Methodological developments in information systems development and strategy.
- Studies addressing the difficulties of linking 'hard' and 'soft' issues, and focusing on solutions from an interpretative perspective.
- The development and management of end-user computing.
- The impact of user involvement on information systems success.
- Innovative approaches to emerging technologies.
- Studies linking theory to practical interventions.
- The impact of research and practice based on critical theories.

Contributions that describe issues with a global or international focus will be particularly welcomed.

Authors are invited to contact the editors for further advice.

Submission Procedure

When submitting your paper, please remember to address the general aims of OR Insight, which can be found on the back page, together with formatting instructions.

Please send electronic copy of papers on these topics, in the first instance, to:

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We look forward to receiving your contributions.