



Call for papers: 3rd DEMO-net PhD Colloquium on eGovernment and eParticipation

The 3rd DEMO-net PhD colloquium is taking place in conjunction with EGOV'08, August 31 - September 1, 2008 in Torino, Italy

DEMO-net is a Network of Excellence project funded under the European Commission's sixth framework programme: Information Society Technologies (demo-net.org). The overarching objective of DEMO-net is to strengthen scientific, technological and social research excellence in eParticipation by integrating the research capacities of individuals and organisations spread across Europe. As a part of this, DEMO-net organizes PhD student collaborations; seminars, workshops, publications, and this 3rd PhD Colloquium.

The 2008 DEMO-net PhD student colloquium will be held on August 31 - September 1 in cooperation with the AIS Special Interest Group on eGovernment (sigegovernment.org). PhD students are invited to submit a paper based on their PhD project. Papers will be reviewed and discussed by other PhD students and senior researchers in the eParticipation field. The colloquium also includes tutorials on various aspects of eParticipation by senior DEMO-net researchers.

Submissions

There are two groups, eGovernment and eParticipation. If your research belongs to both groups, just mention that and the organizers will place your paper where it best fits in. Submissions to the PhD Colloquium should be sent to andreas.ask@esi.oru.se by email in Word format. Papers should be single-authored, no more than 5000 words, and include

- the name and affiliation of author,
- abstract (max. 300 words),
- 3-5 keywords,
- research aim,
- theory, method,
- results achieved and/or prospective results.

The number of participants is limited. Proposals will be critically reviewed by the organising committee for rigour, quality and relevance (see criteria below). Students may come from any discipline relevant to eGovernment research and practice. Papers can be technical, conceptual

or empirical, but must clearly relate to the eParticipation field. While this field is not strictly defined it broadly concerns ICT-supported participation in processes of government and governance. Processes may concern administration, service delivery, decision making and policy making. Some indicative examples of research can be found at the DEMO-net web page (demo-net.org).

Review criteria for PhD Student Colloquium submissions

The colloquium welcomes qualitative and quantitative research from any discipline relevant to eParticipation research or practice.

Review Process: Papers will be pre-screened for conformity with submission guidelines and for overall appropriateness for the colloquium. Papers that pass the initial screening process will be reviewed by the members of the organising committee. PhD proposals will not be blind reviewed. Review Criteria for PhD colloquium contributions are:

1. Relevance for research on eParticipation and/or eGovernment,
2. Interesting/important problem,
3. Clear motivation (why the problem is interesting theoretically and/or practically),
Methodological adequacy and
4. Well structured and clearly written paper.

Publication

Papers will be considered for publication in a PhD colloquium brochure and at the DEMO-net web site. Publication is subject to author permission, paper quality and copyright concerns.

Important dates

Deadline for submission:	June 1, 2008. Submissions should be sent to Andreas Ask andreas.ask@esi.oru.se in Word format.
Notification of acceptance:	June 30, 2008
Doctoral Consortium:	August 31 - September 1, 2008

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