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Theme:

Innovations in an Interconnected World: Theoretical Lenses and Practical Considerations in ICT4D

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DESCRIPTION

The concept of Development has eluded IS researchers who continue to grapple with increasing ICT innovations by people living in countries with finite resources. In particular, innovations in mobile payments continue to drive entrepreneurship in the remotest parts of the world, the country with the largest number of users of mobile payments, Kenya, hardly features in mainstream IS research. It has been stated that innovation is the implementation of a new or significantly improved product (good or service), or process, a new marketing method, or a new organizational method in business practices, workplace organization or external relations. While IS research does not produce, nor is it required, to enable innovations like those witnessed in Kenya, recent special issues in mainstream IS Journals have awoken to these innovative uses of ICTs and realize that there are societal consequences as innovations in social networking, crowdsourcing and mobile banking bring novel research questions to the field. Yet, imminent scholars continue to grapple with a well-known phenomenon, Development.

Historically, development has been studied in the fields of Economics, Government and International Relations as the economic growth of countries, regions with social, political and human consequences. In the past ten years, the access, use and innovations in ICTs to bring people in the remotest and poorest parts of the world as active participants in the global economy, has made the study of ICTs for Development an important means of understanding how improvements in people’s live may or may not take place though IS implementations. Because the phenomenon of ICTs and Development is moving previously poor, developing countries into the mainstream of economic life, leaving developed countries to catch up with their innovations, IS research is also scrambling to catch up.

The Global Development workshop addresses questions that provide new and meaningful definitions of Development, such as does development have to be a zero-sum game with winners and losers? In a world that is increasingly characterized by climate disturbance, natural disasters, economic crises, challenges to peaceful relationships within & between states, diminishing natural resources, exploitation & manipulation of natural resources with grave costs to the environment, demands for participation in governance, what lenses are there to understand these changes. Can ICTs support the development, promotion and realization of a model of ‘development’ that is holistic, just & sustainable, and that will lead to an appropriate quality of life for each individual on the planet?

Within this context, should academic ICT research be more pro-active? Attempts to take such a huge leap typically include as collateral the need for a model of development that is feasible, just and sustainable. Given the relative over-consumption of resources that is associated with being a ‘first world’ country, it is obviously not feasible nor sustainable for the majority of countries & peoples to grow economically into this category. The development vs. environment model is increasingly leading the planet to the brink of catastrophe.

Following our very successful pre-ICIS workshops in Paris, Phoenix, Saint Louis, Shanghai, Orlando & Milan, and pre-ECIS and AMCIS workshops and tracks, the 7th Annual Pre-ICIS SIG GlobDev Workshop will again provide a forum for discussion of practical experience and research related to the diffusion and use of information and communication technologies (ICT), particularly in developing regions of the world. The papers in this workshop will also further the knowledge of what we know about how ICT enables the global economy by enabling local needs to be met in a manner that is preserves the ability of the planet to support human life.
1. Theoretical lenses and/or empirical studies that enable an understanding of:
   a. ICTs & Sustainable Development
   b. ICTs & Peace building
   c. ICTs & Disaster Recovery
2. The role of government policy in fostering ICT human capital, cooperation and capacity building, Health Information Technology for Development.
3. ICT Impact Analysis: Sophisticated analyses of the empowering potential & dangers posed by ICTs.
4. Social, political, and community development impacts of ICTs.
5. Social networking for Development, ICT human capital and capacity building
6. Critical and theoretical perspectives on the digital divide and social inclusion
7. Challenges of ICT human capital and capacity building in remote regions
8. Educational systems; content provision and delivery; developing ICT skills
9. Mobile technologies as infrastructure for ICT human capital and capacity building
10. Frugal Innovation and innovative ways in which technologies are applied in developing regions.

Any combination of the above or aspects of human capital and capacity building for sustainable development will be considered.

WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS
These will be published in the AIS eLibrary.

FAST-TRACKING TO JOURNAL
Authors of selected workshop papers will be invited to submit their papers for possible inclusion in a special issue of the Journal of Information Technology for Development (ITD)

IMPORTANT DATES
Notification of Intention to Submit (Optional): asap
Paper/Panel Proposal Submission Deadline: September 20, 2014
Notification to Authors: October 25, 2014
Deadline for Final Papers: November 28, 2014
Workshop Date: Sunday, December 14, 2014

AUTHOR INSTRUCTIONS
Submitted papers should be limited to 7,000 words or approximately 25 pages in length.
Please clearly indicate the category of your paper on the title page:
   • Research Paper
   • Contribution to Practice
   • Research-in-progress
   • Student Paper
Additional information and instructions for submitting papers and proposals to the workshop can be found at http://www.globdev.org/

SUBMISSIONS
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