

Preface

The 7th Scandinavian Conference on Information Systems, SCIS 2016, hosted in Ljungskile, Sweden, was jointly organized by the LINA (Learning in and for the New Workplace) research center at University West and the Digital group (Learning in a Digitalized Region) of University West and the University of Gothenburg.

SCIS 2016 highlighted the digitalization of society, that has proceeded and entered almost all aspects of our lives. Digitalization refers to the way in which many domains of social life are reshaped around digital communication and media infrastructures, and what constitutes a worker, a student, and a citizen in a digitalized society as it has consequently evolved to be. In parallel, new research interests concerning the use and design of digital services and devices have emerged. The 7th SCIS conference had the theme “Living in the Cloud” emphasizing three aspects in particular; First, it refers to “the cloud” as the increasingly ubiquitous digital data storage “up there,” which makes digital information appear to be detached from physical location and thus available anytime, anywhere, connecting everything with everyone. This has a profound effect on contemporary practices and on the way humans construct and perceive our understanding of information and information systems. Second, it refers to how boundaries appear blurred and vague and it is unclear where things start and end. For example, digital services today are often open-ended systems, resembling containers or infrastructures, which are changed by users during use as a dynamic evolution. Finally, it illustrates the tension between contrasting aspects related to the consequences of digitalization, such as how to handle the diffusion of private versus professional roles, relations, services, or information systems and how to balance benefits versus challenges of being constantly connected.

A total of 25 manuscripts were submitted to the conference. The evaluation was a careful double-blind review process with at least two reviewers for each paper. Finally, nine papers were accepted for presentation at the conference and in these proceedings (with an acceptance rate of 36 %).

SCIS 2016 invited three keynote speakers: Margunn Aanestad from Oslo University (Norway) Carsten Sørensen from the London School of Economics and Political Science (UK), and Viktori Kaptelinin from Umeå University (Sweden).

As in previous years, the SCIS conference was arranged in conjunction with the Information Systems Research Conference in Scandinavia, known as the IRIS conference, which began in 1978 and which with its 39th annual gathering is the oldest consecutive information systems conference in the world. IRIS is today organized as a working seminar between established researchers and doctoral students. The young researchers and their interest in information systems boded well for shaping the future of the field.

We would like to thank the supporters and sponsors of this conference. We are grateful to all those people who contributed to this conference, whether as organizers, Program Committee members, reviewers, scientific contributors, or otherwise. Finally,

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