

Preface

This book contains the proceedings of the 12th International Human Choice and Computers (HCC12) Conference, held at MediaCityUK, Salford, Greater Manchester, UK, on September 7–9, 2016. The conference was held by the International Federation of Information Processing (IFIP) Technical Committee 9 (TC9): Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Society.

The conference Chairs, David Kreps (Chair of TC9 Working Group 9.5: Virtuality and Society), Gordon Fletcher, Marie Griffiths (Vice-chair WG9.5), and Diane Whitehouse (TC9 Chair), chose the theme for this year's conference: Technology and Intimacy: Choice or Coercion. Whilst encouraging contributions from across the subject fields of the working groups of TC9, this theme has coalesced into three principle strands of focus: ethics, communication, and futures.

The papers selected for this book are based on both academic research and the professional experience of information systems practitioners working in the field. It is the continued intention of the TC9 that academics, practitioners, governments, and international organizations alike will benefit from the contribution of these proceedings.

The volume editors have, in addition, contributed an introductory paper “Human Choice and Computers: An Ever More Intimate Relationship,” which is divided into two principle parts: the first looking back at the history of the conference series, and the second, subdivided into the three sections, ethics, communication, and futures, introducing each individual paper in the volume.

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