



UCD School of Business - An Scoil Ghnó UCD

Organising Relationships in the Network Society

CITO - The Centre for Innovation, Technology & Organisation
An Láirionad Nuálaíocht, Teichneolaíocht & Eagraíocht

QUADRANGULAR WORKSHOP

September 2012

This workshop is the continuation of the annual quadrangular symposia tradition organised jointly by Lancaster University, University of Cambridge, University College Dublin and London School of Economics.

This year's event is hosted again by the Centre for Innovation, Technology and Organisation at UCD School of Business. We aim at bringing four schools and research programmes together to debate in an intimate, relaxed and informal setting.

Scholars are invited to present preliminary research findings and/or challenging theoretical and methodological issues concerning their research. As an overarching topic, we propose to focus on the prospects and challenges of globalisation, information communication technologies, social and cultural processes and how they relate to organisational actors, as they attempt to make sense of and respond to these complex processes. The emphasis is on what these processes mean for how organisations are (re)creating, developing and establishing new forms of organisational relationships. We warmly invite all researchers working within these broad areas.

Multidisciplinary and theoretically diverse contributions are welcome. Some of the topics we are particularly -but not solely- interested in are:

- novel organisational forms (especially those manifesting through the 'new' digital information era)
- new organisational practices and work cultures
- globalization or glocalization of information technologies

- micro-sociological approaches
- innovation (especially not from R&D)
- emerging and developing countries
- ethics and ‘corporate social responsibility’ (for example how ‘trust’ is negotiated across diverse cultural settings)
- the ethical dimensions of technologies
- scale and methodological challenges
- fads and fashions, fiction in IT research

Events

Keynote speakers:

- Emeritus professor Geoff Walsham
(<http://www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/research/faculty/walshamg.html>)
on “Are we making a better world with ICTs? Reflections on a future agenda for the IS field”

- Professor Davide Nicolini
(<http://www.wbs.ac.uk/faculty/members/Davide/Nicolini>)

Panel with keynote speakers and Quadrangular scholars

Post-doctoral stream for Quadrangular alumni (and others)

Call for contributions

This call invites scholars from IS, organizational studies, STS, spatial planning, information and library studies and related fields to contribute to the topic defined broadly above. Research areas can cover a spectrum of settings and organisational changes like health care, planning, innovation, IT4D, business ethics, environmental issues, software development, IS implementation and adoption, e-government.

We would like to limit the number of participants to 20-30. So, acceptance could be competitive.

Contributions can take the form of:

- **Full Papers** – for accomplished research results or advanced theoretical discussions (maximum 5,000 words).
- **Short Papers** – For work in progress or preliminary theoretical thoughts (maximum 2,500 words).
- **Extended abstracts** – For early stage research plans and reviews of pertinent literature (maximum 1,000 words)

Please send your works to Simeon Vidolov (simeon.vidolov@ucd.ie) and/or Gianluca Miscione (gianluca.miscione@ucd.ie).

Conference Benefits

Significant time (1+ hour) will be allocated to each individual to present and discuss their research. We encourage participants to consider this event as a forum for collective support giving and learning which requires attendees to diligently prepare and openly share their research difficulties with faculty and peers. The faculty are committed to providing detailed feedback and also facilitate discussions around emergent themes. We expect a collage of conceptually and methodologically diverse presentations, provoking in-depth discussions.

Key Dates

The Quadrangular takes place on **September 4th and 5th**.

Deadline for submission of abstract contributions has been extended to **August 7th** (notification of acceptance would be communicated to the authors by August 10th).

For accepted participants who are submitting a short or full paper the submission deadline is **August 20th**, as to give ample time for the paper to be read by the discussants.

Venue and Registration

The conference will be held at UCD School of Business. The conference programme will be announced shortly. The UCD School of Business Doctoral Studies Programme has agreed to support the conference, consequently registration for the conference is free of charge. Attendees must arrange their own travel and accommodation.

Getting to and around Dublin

We warmly recommend participants to make accommodation and flight arrangements as early as possible. Please note, Dublin is a popular tourist destination and there will be many events and activities in the city.

Information on Dublin city centre hotels can be found on DublinTourist.com and through the usual hotel search websites.

<http://www.ucdvillage.ie/>

<http://www.dublintourist.com>

<http://www.irelandinspires.com>

Dublin International Airport (DUB), located on the North side of the city, is one of the main entry points into Ireland and is well serviced by all the major airlines, including Aer Lingus and RyanAir. More information on the airlines and flights into Dublin can be found on <http://www.dublinairport.com>. Direct transportation to UCD's Belfield campus from Dublin Airport is provided by Aircoach. The Aircoach (www.aircoach.ie) Leopardstown/Sandyford route passes UCD's Belfield campus and the Montrose Hotel.

Journey times from 45 to 70 minutes depending on traffic and time of day.

<http://www.dublinairport.com>

<http://www.aircoach.ie>

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Conference Publication

Edited papers (e.g. ~5,000 words or greater) are eligible for inclusion