AISSAC Seminar
28 September 2015

A Better World with IS: Research Methods and Opportunities

Location: STIAS Wallenberg Centre
Chairperson: Emma Coleman
SPONSORS

Fee per attendee: R1500
Fee per student attendee: R1000
PROGRAMME

08:00-09:00: REGISTRATION/TEA/COFFEE

09:00-10:00: KEYNOTE SESSION

**TOPIC:** USING Grounded Theory for ICT4D: A Missed Opportunity?

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Professor Cathy Urquhart, Manchester Metropolitan University

Cathy Urquhart is Professor of Digital and Sustainable Business at Manchester Metropolitan University Business School, and a previous Head of Research at MMU. She is the author of *Grounded Theory for Qualitative Research*, published by Sage, which has had an excellent reception. Her research interests include the use of digital innovation for societal good, and also grounded theory. She is a previous Senior Editor for *MIS Quarterly*, and is an Editorial Board member for the *Information Systems Journal* and *Information Technology and Development*. She has published in many top journals such as the *Journal of the Association of Information Systems*, the *European Journal of Information Systems*, *Journal of Information Technology*, *Information Systems Journal*, and others.

10:00-10:30: ICT4D in the South African Context

**CHAIR:** Hussein Suleman

**PLENARY SPEAKER:** Judy van Biljon

10:30-11:00: TEA/COFFEE

11:00-11:30: SHORT TALKS

**TOPIC:** Methods for Making a Better World

**SPEAKER:** Kirstin Krauss, Sense-making in ICT4D social situations: is critical hermeneutics the way to go or are there better, more ethical alternatives?

**SPEAKER:** Irwin Brown, Ethnographic Decision Tree Modelling: Exploring the Potential in ICT4D Research

**CHAIR:** Jan Kroeze

11:30-12:30: PANEL DISCUSSION

**TOPIC:** Building on the Past to Advance ICT4D and Social Research

**CHAIR:** Emma Coleman

**PANEL MEMBERS:** Cathy Urquhart, Kirstin Krauss, Irwin Brown, Judy van Biljon, Jan Kroeze

12:30-13:00 AISSAC AGM

13:00-14:00: LUNCH
CONCURRENT AISSAC/ICT4D WORKSHOP
Towards a Strategic Agenda for Local Research in ICT for Development

14:00 WELCOME
Welcome from Organisers, Hussein Suleman

14:05 INVITED TALK
TOPIC: Development of ICTs or ICT for development? Unblocking development theory, studies and practice
SPEAKER: Alison Gillwald
CHAIR: Mmaki Jantjies

14:40 INVITED TALK
Topic: Remarks from 'After Access: Inclusion, Development, and a More Mobile Internet'
SPEAKER: Jonathan Donner
CHAIR: Mmaki Jantjies

15:15 BREAKOUT SESSIONS
An overview of the process and topics to be discussed by participants
Chair: Hussein Suleman

15:30 BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Discussions in groups

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Discussion in groups - wrapping up

16:45 REPORT BACK FROM GROUPS

17:15 CLOSING
Closing remarks and way forward
SPEAKER: Edwin Blake
1. Welcome and attendance

2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

3. Management feedback
   • President’s overview
   • Financial statement
   • Website
   • Student chapter

4. AISSAC membership fees

5. Format of the AISSAC event for 2016

6. Election of new AISSAC board members

7. General