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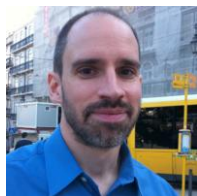
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TRACK: Research Methods

Introduction of the track

The ISCRAM research community encompasses a remarkably broad range of research methodologies. The goal of this track is to showcase innovations in the development of theory and methods in ISCRAM research, from the lab, in the field, or in virtual environments. Keeping with the theme of this year's conference on analytic approaches to crisis and emergency management systems, we are especially interested in critical, unconventional, and innovative approaches that will spur lively debate and fruitful discussions about appropriate ways to conduct research in this area. The review process will emphasize rigor, creativity, and the contribution toward the future of ISCRAM research.

Track topics

- *Novel applications of traditional techniques, creative ways of getting hard-to-reach data*
- *Validity and generalizability of results within and beyond crisis response and management*
- *Simulations and games for training and experimentation, particularly for uncommon or unprecedented events*
- *Approaches to theory generation and testing in the ISCRAM transdisciplinary environment*

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Type of submissions

ISCRAM2012 is soliciting three types of submission:

1. Full research papers, which will be double blind peer reviewed. It is intended that these will report completed work which can be assessed to the highest academic standards. Such papers should be no more than 10 pages with figures & tables (~5000 words)

2. Work in progress and discussion paper which will be subjected to a light peer review to ensure clarity. Such papers should be no more than 5 pages with figures & tables (~2500 words)

3. Practitioner reports and discussions which raise issues, examples and case studies of importance in responding to and managing crises. Such paper will be subject to a light peer review to ensure clarity and should be no more than 5 pages with figures & tables (~2500 words)

Note that the designation of the paper and its reviewing will be indicated in the conference proceedings. Also we are not trying to create some concept of first and second quality papers. Rather we are aware that some report finished work which can be assessed in the sense of full peer review and contribution to research, while others offer ideas and thoughts which will stimulate discussion at ISCRAM conferences. The latter are vital if we are to make the conference valuable for shaping our subject. Full papers, work-in-progress papers and poster abstracts will be published in the proceedings.

> **Note that the ISCRAM paper template is available at**
> **www.iscram.org/iscram2012 under the "submissions" tab.**
> **All submissions must conform to ISCRAM formatting guidelines.**

Submission process and deadlines

Authors must submit papers and posters electronically at https://www.conftool.com/iscram2012/. All papers must use the ISCRAM MS Word template for papers. Deadlines for each submission format are listed below:

> **Submission Deadline Schedule for Papers, Posters, and Doctoral Colloquium:**
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> *Full paper submissions* -- November 15th, 2011
> *Work-in-progress paper, practitioner papers, posters* -- January 15th, 2012
> *Doctoral student colloquium papers* -- February 15th, 2012
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> Submission site: https://www.conftool.com/iscram2012/

About ISCRAM:

The ISCRAM Community is a worldwide community of researchers, scholars, teachers, students, practitioners and policy makers interested or actively involved in the subject of Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management. At its annual international conference alternating between the US and Europe, the ISCRAM Community gathers to present and discuss the latest research and developments in this growing area during an interactive and stimulating 3 day program. The ISCRAM Community also organizes an International Summer School for PhD students and ISCRAM-CHINA, an annual conference for ISCRAM research in China. Full information on ISCRAM can be found at www.iscram.org.