



Association for Information Science and Technology

**ASIS&T REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN CAMBODIA
3-4 JANUARY, 2019**

CALL FOR PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

THEME: EFFECTIVE LEARNING IN LOW-TECH INFORMATION ENVIRONMENTS

A low-technology or low-tech information environment is one with relatively unsophisticated technological development or equipment. For example, many institutions operate in areas with little or no Internet access or operate in infrastructure-light but mobile-heavy environments.

Even with rapid developments in technological infrastructure in many parts of the world, low-tech information environments persist for many reasons. For instance, institutional cultures and mindsets simply do not support organisational changes in information technology; the push for greener and healthier information practices may sometimes favour low-technological environment; or the lack of infrastructure or resources may render organisations and institutions to adopt adaptable and often low-tech solutions.

This regional conference will focus on effective learning in such contexts. We are interested in (but not limited to) the following topics:

- Learning in low-tech information environments across different organisational contexts
- Case studies of information worlds, cultures, social dynamics, and access from the Asia-Pacific region
- Green information systems and learning
- Implementation of high-tech information and technological strategies in low-tech environments
- Pedagogical approaches, models, and theories for effective learning in low-tech environments
- Learning in formal and informal low-tech settings
- Strategies and challenges for learning in low-tech information environments
- Evaluation and assessment of learning in low-tech environments
- Research methods, ethics and implementation of learning in low-tech environments
- Innovation of learning in low-tech information environments
- The future of learning in low-tech environments

We invite papers, posters, panels and workshop submissions centred on this theme from or relating to the Asia-Pacific region. Work that reflects the broader mandate of ASIS&T, regarding the creation, representation, storage, access, dissemination and

use of information, media and records, and the systems, tools, and technologies associated with these processes will also be of interest. The conference embraces plurality in methods and theories, and encompasses research, development and practice from a broad spectrum of domains, as encapsulated in ASIS&T's many special interest groups (SIGs). Please note that at least one of the authors must register for the conference in order for an accepted paper to be part of the proceedings.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLICATIONS

Papers accepted by this conference will be invited to publish in a special issue in the following journals:

- *Information and Learning Sciences*
- *Data and Information Management*
- *Pakistan Journal of Information Management and Libraries*

The three best conference papers (short or full) accepted by this conference will be nominated for submission to JASIST, a top journal in Information Science and Technology. These 3 papers need to be enriched, expanded and/or extended before they can be submitted to JASIST. To maximize the chance of having these papers accepted by JASIST, three experienced researchers, who have published in JASIST before, will be invited to provide mentorship to the authors of these conference papers. However, the 3 papers will still need to go through the regular rigorous peer review process of the journal.

Authors may also enhance their short papers or posters and submit them as full paper for the ASIS&T Annual Meeting 2019 (a major international conference in Information Science) to be held in Australia.

IMPORTANT DATES

All proposals are to be submitted through the [EasyChair system](#). If you have any questions about the submissions process, please contact Natalie Pang at Natalie.Pang@nus.edu.sg or Diane Velasquez at Diane.Velasquez@unisa.edu.au.

Long and Short Papers

Submission System opens: 25 June 2018

Submissions due: 22 September 2018

Notifications: 10 November 2018

Final publishable version due: 20 December 2018

Panels, Visual Presentations and Workshops

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Submissions due: 22 October 2018

Notifications: 10 November 2018

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SUBMISSION TYPES

1) Long Papers: Long papers should discuss, analyze, critique theories and concepts, or report original, unpublished research; all papers must be substantiated

by experimentation, simulation, theoretical development, analysis or application in practice. Submissions will be judged on such criteria as quality of content, significance for theory, relevance for practice, method, design, originality, and quality of presentation.

- **Length:** The maximum length for a paper, including references, is 10 pages, single-spaced; submissions should be formatted according to the [AM18 Proposal Template](#).
- **Peer Review:** Submissions will be referred in a double-blind review process and should be anonymized.

2) Short Papers: Short papers are similar to long papers in terms of scope, but may also report work in progress. Submissions will be judged on such criteria as quality of content, significance for theory, relevance for practice, method, design, originality, and quality of presentation.

- **Length:** The maximum length for a paper, including references, is 4 pages, single-spaced; submissions should be formatted according to the [AM18 Proposal Template](#).
- **Peer Review:** Submissions will be referred in a double-blind review process and should be anonymized.

3) Panels: Proposals for panels are invited on topics that explore emerging cutting-edge research and design, analyses of emerging trends, opinions on controversial issues, analyses of tools and techniques, or contrasting viewpoints from experts in complementary areas of research. Panels are not a substitute for a set of contributed papers; they must have a cohesive theme and promote lively discussions. Proposals should include an overview of the issues to be discussed and must also list panellists who have agreed to participate, indicating the qualifications and contributions of each.

- **Length:** The maximum length for a panel proposal, including references, is 4 pages, single-spaced; submissions should be formatted according to the [AM18 Proposal Template](#).
- **Peer Review:** Panel proposals undergo single-blind review process and should not be anonymized.

4) Visual Presentations: Submissions are also invited for visual presentation via poster, demonstration, video, etc. at the meeting. Visual presentations are expected to invite questions and discussion and offer a unique opportunity to present late-breaking results, work in progress, or research that is best communicated in an interactive or graphical format. Authors are expected to address how the work will be presented at the meeting.

- **Length:** Proposals for visual presentations should be 2-pages in length, single-spaced and including references; submissions should be formatted according to the [AM18 Proposal Template](#).
- **Peer Review:** Submissions will be referred in a double-blind review process and should be anonymized.

5) Workshops: Workshops will be held before or after the conference. The purpose of a workshop is to provide a more informal setting for the exchange of ideas on a focused topic and suggest directions for future work. As such, they offer a good

opportunity for researchers and professionals to present and discuss their work among a targeted and interested community. Workshops may be mini-focused research presentations, a series of working events, brainstorming and idea sharing, or even teaching/learning a new skill like a tutorial.

- **Length:** The maximum length for a workshop proposal, including references, is 3 pages, single-spaced; submissions should be formatted according to the [AM18 Proposal Template](#).
- **Peer Review:** Workshop proposals undergo single-blind review process and should not be anonymized.

Location: Phnom Penh – major city in Cambodia

- **Conference venue:** University of Cambodia
- **Tourist attractions in Cambodia:** Angkor Wat has triumphed across the centuries to emerge at the world's top tourism landmark in TripAdvisor's Traveler's Choice awards - for the second time since 2015. Lonely Planet, another travel site, gave the temples of Angkor the top spot in 2014 (www.voanews.com/a/...).
- **Helpful videos about Cambodia:**
 - Things To Do in Cambodia (Top Attractions) - www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9616aakXpU
 - Cambodian Street Food - Giant Grilled Squid and Meat Marathon in Phnom Penh, Cambodia! - www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1YN3f4yRW8
 - Cambodian Food - Live Blue Crab (Boiled Right Out of the Ocean) in Kep, Cambodia! - www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3gqIshKgxA
 - Travel Vlog: Cambodia! (Where have I been?) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syeMwXsSsIA>)
 - Geography Now! Cambodia (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wufWxldBWsU>)
 - Cambodia-Know before you go (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QLnaiU0Nc50>)
 - Is Phnom Penh Really Safe For Tourists? - www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWvuiNbCOjc
 - Is Cambodia Safe? - www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpJHmV_vCJU&t=35s

Keynote Speakers

- *Professor Lisa Given*, Associate Dean (Research and Development) for the Faculty of Health, Arts & Design at Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne, Australia.
- *Professor Javed Mostafa*, Department of Information Science & Biomedical Research Imaging Center, University of North Carolina School of Medicine
- *Professor Gary Burnett*, College of Communication & Information, Florida State University

More information about the registration will be released soon.

Conference Organizing Committee

- Conference Chair: Samuel K. W. Chu, University of Hong Kong
- Paper (full and short papers) Co-Chairs:
 - Diane Velasquez, University of South Australia
 - Natalie Pang, National University of Singapore
- Panel/Workshop/Visual Presentation Co-Chairs:
 - Tina Du, University of South Australia
 - Naresh Agarwal, Simmons College, U.S.
 - Bhakti Gala, Central University of Gujarat, India
 - Kanwal Ameen, University of the Punjab, Pakistan
- Sponsorship co-chairs: Emil Levine, a veteran and great supporter of ASIS&T
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 - Yuxiang (Chris) Zhao, Nanjing University of Science & Technology, China
 - Samuel K. W. Chu, University of Hong Kong

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