

## CALL FOR PAPERS FOR the Mini-track

### *Emerging Issues in Distributed Group Decision-Making: Opportunities and Challenges*

(Part of the **Collaboration Systems and Technology** track )

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Given the current turbulent state of world economy, outsourcing is coming under tremendous pressure. Companies are no longer providing long-term contracts but are renewing them based on deliverables from outsourced companies. This is putting tremendous pressure on teams to deliver quality product on time. Team adaptability and team configuration are becoming crucial to meet deadlines. Teams must be able to adapt quickly to the changing environment. Agile teams adapt and deliver quickly and provide maximum customer satisfaction. By definition, however, agile teams must be co-located. Can distributed teams be agile and adaptable? This requires careful team configuration.

Distributed teams face many challenges of time, location, infrastructure, language, customs, socialization and politics. This is further compounded in globally distributed teams by diversity, nationality and cultural issues. As old issues are resolved, new challenges emerge that require knowledge from multiple disciplines such as information systems, social sciences, international management, leadership and political science. It is almost impossible for one individual to have expertise in so many domains, which makes this a very challenging but ultimately rewarding collaborative area of research. Given the richness and research potential of this area, it is essential to brainstorm and bring diverse points of view to develop underlying theory and frameworks. The mini track will attempt to accomplish these objectives.

The mini track will address emerging issues such as diversity, culture, adaptability and agility related to teams in distributed group decision making, as well as the underlying theories of group dynamics, coordination, communications and decision-making in distributed environments, in creation of competitive advantage. Examples of topics in the discussion of globally distributed decision making mini-track will include the following (but are not limited to):

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- Fake news impact on collaboration
- Disaster management

- Swift team collaboration
- Collaboration among virtual groups
- Sub groups impact on team collaboration
- Big data collaboration
- E-government(s) inter- , intra-collaboration
- Collaboration through crowdsourcing
- Emergency disaster planning through collaboration
- Collaboration in the cloud.
- Public-private collaboration
- Delivering health services through collaboration
- Economics of distributed decision making in the clouds
- Trust and distrust as motivator in distributed decision making
- Can agile teams be globally distributed?
- Agile/Adaptable team configuration in globally distributed teams
- The “e (internet)” to “m (mobile)” transformation of globally distributed teams
- Communication and coordination in globally distributed teams
- Diversity issues in globally distributed teams
- Customer satisfaction, performance and “trust” building in globally distributed teams
- Synchronous and asynchronous decision making in globally distributed teams
- Comparison of issues across internal, inter-, intra and offshore distributed teams
- Turbulent economy and its impact on outsourcing
- Leadership/cohesiveness issues in globally distributed teams
- Issues related to functional and dysfunctional globally distributed teams
- Security, privacy and risk associated with globally distributed teams
- Case Studies (success/failures) related to decision making by globally distributed teams

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## Important Deadlines:

- **April 15** – Paper submission site launched.
- **June 15** Submit full manuscripts for review as instructed. The review is double-blind; therefore, this initial submission must be without author names.
- **Aug 17** Review System emails Acceptance/Rejection Notices to authors. It is very important that at least one author of each accepted paper attend the conference. Therefore, all travel guarantees – including visa or fiscal/ funding procedures – should begin immediately.
- **Sept 22 SUBMIT FINAL PAPER.** Add author names to your paper, and submit your Final Paper for Publication to the site provided in your Acceptance Notice. (This URL is not public knowledge.)
- **Oct 1** Early Registration fee deadline. At least one author of each paper should register by this date in order secure publication in the Proceedings. Fees will increase on Oct 2 and Dec 2.
- **Oct 15** Papers without at least one paid-in-full registered author may be deleted from the Proceedings and not scheduled for presentation; authors will be so notified by the Conference Office.

**Cancellation and Refund Policy** All conference cancellation requests must be in writing. A fee will be charged for cancellation of registration after Oct 15, at which time the paper is subject to withdrawal from the Proceedings. There is no registration refund after Dec 1. Cancellations for accommodations must be handled directly with the hotel.

## Instructions for Paper Submission:

- HICSS papers must contain original material not previously published, or currently submitted elsewhere.
- Do not submit the manuscript to more than one mini-track. If unsure which mini-track is appropriate, submit the abstract to the Track Chair for guidance.
- Submit your full paper according to the detailed formatting and submission instructions found on the HICSS website. Note: All papers will be submitted in double column publication format and limited to 10 pages including diagrams and references. HICSS will conduct double-blind reviews of each submitted paper.

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