

Information Management Fundamentals Seminar

Period: Semester 2 – block 1+2 (Jan-June 2009)
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Time: Friday 10:00-12:30 (see meeting dates in syllabus)
Language: English
Location: University of Amsterdam - M 0.10
Program: BENAIS - Doctorate Program in Information Management

Objectives

This introductory seminar is designed to help doctorate students to understand the context of information systems research, to become familiar with the main research streams and contributing scholars, to introduce the common research approaches, and to provide a 'safe environment' for stepping into lifelong research endeavor.

Description

The seminar surveys a wide literature base to provide students with a grasp of the main issues in the IS discipline while developing deeper understanding of its development and conceptual turns. The seminar emphasizes breadth and is geared toward the socio-technical aspects of information technologies in organizational context. Specifically, participants will have an opportunity to examine critically main strands of IS research and their interrelationships in the overall context of the discipline and management studies. In addition to covering a rich subset of the IS research literature, the seminar seeks to prepare the foundations that will assist the participants in developing theoretical frames that can be applied in their respective areas if interest.

In addition to getting acquainted with the classic foundations, participants will have an opportunity to meet and interact with topnotch international scholars through a complementary series of IM Emerging Research seminars.

Please pencil in the following tentative* dates:

Month 2009	January	February	March	April	May	June
Date Friday	23	13, 27	13, 20	17, 24	15, 29	19

* *These dates may change. Please check the final schedule in the syllabus.*

Study Materials

The required readings--a topical selection of classic papers from MISQ, ISR, Organization Science, and the like, as per syllabus--are available through the university library.

Participants

This seminar is intended for students of the Doctorate Program in Information Management of BENAIS. Other students in IM/MIS programs will be considered subject to qualifications and space availability.

Requirements

Considering the underlying objective, this fast-paced seminar is designed with a heavy reading load. Reading and other class assignments as well as class participation are mandatory. Furthermore, students are expected to attend the subsequent IM Emerging Research seminars (14:00-16:00) which is mandatory and included in the standard course fee.

Tuition

The standard course fee is €1500 paid to BENAIS consortium. Stipends are available.

Inquiries and Further Information

Please contact course coordinator via email avital@uva.nl or phone +31-20-525-5059.