



NORdic Research School in Information Studies

Workshop on **Methodologies and Research Methods in Information Studies**

The Nordic Research School in Information Studies/NORSLIS invites PhD students and senior researchers to participate in a workshop on methodologies and research methods in Information Science. The workshop will give possibility to discuss fundamental research methodologies (qualitative and quantitative), research methods and techniques in a friendly atmosphere as they are carried out in various fields of application in LIS. We invite both PhD students and senior researchers with experience from particular research design approaches as well as those looking for them.

Selecting an appropriate research methodology and relevant methods for empirically founded doctoral dissertation work is one of the key decisions for novice researchers. The decision of what research method or approach to apply, and why, is important especially since there are nowadays several alternative perspectives to apply in information science. The workshop will create opportunities to learn about issues such as: how research paradigm implies research methodology; qualitative and quantitative research design; research methods (case studies, surveys, ethnography, action research, Delphi study); data analysis. The workshop addresses these issues by presenting various basic and advanced methods for studying quantitative and qualitative data and the underlying motivations for their use. The workshop consists of lectures given by experienced researchers (lecturers will be announced later) and in-depth discussions on participants' research projects.

The workshop is organized by NORSLIS and facilitated by experienced researchers. The workshop adopts a broad and inclusive perspective. Participants from all research areas within LIS as well as from adjacent and interdisciplinary research areas such as (but should not be seen as limited to) computer-mediated communication, human-computer interaction, information systems research, media studies, learning research, and science and technology studies, are welcome.

The workshop will be based on PhD students' and senior researchers' presentations and discussions. Invited talks and presentations by the participants are given equal weight in the workshop program to provide ample time for constructive and supportive dialogue between the workshop participants. There will be ample possibilities for the participants to present questions, test ideas concerning their ongoing research, and to get feedback on papers, research plans, and methodological issues.

Lecturers:

Will be announced later

Main responsible persons for planning (NORSLIS Board members):

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Time:

2009, November 23 – November 27.

Location:

Institute of Information Studies, Tallinn University, Tallinn, Estonia

Accommodation:

Will be announced later.

Application deadline:

Will be announced later.

Credits:

The workshop is recommended to be equivalent to 5ECTS (European Credit Transfer System).

Note: Final credits are decided by the person in charge of the local Ph.D. program.

How to apply:

Participants are asked to submit a short abstract (approximately 500 words) on their ongoing research, including research questions and theoretical considerations of their research project. The application should also include a brief CV. This information will be used for selection purposes.

The application should be electronically submitted in Word format to Aira Lepik (aira.lepik@tlu.ee).

The application must contain the following information:

Name of course/workshop:

Last name:

First name:

Birth date:

Male/female:

E-mail address:

Name of supervisor:

Supervisor's e-mail address:

All Ph.D. students registered at one of the 14 NORSLIS departments as well as Ph.D. students from outside the NORSLIS departments are welcome to apply for the workshop. Please note that travel and accommodation costs cannot be financed by NORSLIS.

Extended abstract

Participants are asked to submit an extended abstract (2500 words) or a longer paper on their ongoing research three weeks before the workshop date.