

Call for Submissions

GROUP 2016

ACM International Conference on Supporting Group Work

November 13-16, 2016, Sanibel Island, Florida, USA

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General Information

For over 25 years, the ACM International Conference on Supporting Group Work is a premier venue for research on Computer Supported Cooperative Work, Human Computer Interaction, Computer Supported Collaborative Learning and Socio-Technical Studies. The conference integrates work in social science, computer science, engineering, design, values, and other diverse topics of interest and concern. Group 2016 continues the tradition of being truly international in both organizational structure as well as participants.

Key goals for the program are to encourage and facilitate researchers within CSCW and HCI to interact across disciplinary boundaries. We encourage high-level research contributions from interdisciplinary groups to present work which might be difficult to place within one simple category. We are open for a plurality of research methods, and are looking forward to the latest findings within broad areas such as systems, society, participation, critique, collaboration, and human interaction in different types of collaborative practices. GROUP 2016 in particular would like to encourage practitioners, industrial partners, academics, and other interested people to participate. Participation can take different forms; for the first time in 2016, authors of newly published papers from the Journal of CSCW (<http://link.springer.com/journal/10606>) will have the occasion to present their papers at the conference.

Submissions to the conference are welcome in the form of:

- **Research Papers** (both short and long). This venue gives the occasion to present and interact with the audience. Accepted papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings and ACM Digital Library. Please use the ACM standard format for submissions. We invite archival submissions in the form of either full Papers or shorter contributions (Notes). A Note is a brief report of a more limited, but definitive, outcome or theoretical development. There is no page limit for Papers or Notes, although clear rationale should be given for Papers that exceed 10 pages or for Notes that exceed 4 pages.
- **Design Fiction (new in 2016) - Fictive Futures: Exploring Future Research Agendas**. We seek submissions that imagine possible futures for research on the relationships between computers and people. Submissions will include two portions: a fictional document related to the conduct of research and an author statement about the document. The fiction document could be an extended abstract, a call for papers, an excerpt from API documentation, a book review, a study protocol for IRB review, or any other relevant type. The author statement should connect that document to current events, cite on-going research in the field, or otherwise extrapolate how the envisioned future might arise from our given present. This statement will be especially important for abstracts (which are too short to explain their rationale), API documentations (which typically do not provide a historical rationale), and other documents that on their own may be exceptionally short and/or vague. Because Design Fictions are archival contributions, we recommend a minimum length of 3 pages (notes), and as many as 10 pages (papers), following the ACM standard format. The reviewing process will be the same as the general track, and Design Fiction papers or notes will be included in the proceedings.
- **Work-in-Progress Papers (WP)**. Carried-over from 2014, WPs are contributions in which the authors are working towards an archival journal submission and would like to discuss their work with their colleagues at GROUP. Our goal is to broaden the conversations at GROUP, with a format that may appeal to colleagues whose primary publications are in journals, rather than conference papers. WPs will not be published in

the conference proceedings, but will be distributed in a paper based conference supplement at the GROUP conference for the attendees only. Therefore, you are free to seek formal publication of a draft journal submission that appears in a WP. The WP review process will be *lightweight*, without any revisions asked to the authors, to expand the GROUP community and discussions. Please send submissions directly to co-chairs at workingpapers@group2016.org.

- **Posters and demos.** Posters and demos are an opportunity to present late-breaking and preliminary results, smaller results not suitable for a Paper or Note submission, innovative ideas not yet validated through user studies, student research in early phases, and other research best presented in this open format. Posters and demos will be displayed at a special session in the conference when poster and demo authors will be available to discuss their work. Poster submissions should include an extended abstract no longer than 4 pages, including all figures and references, in ACM Standard Format ([available here](#)). In addition, submissions should also include a separate Tabloid (A3 or 11 x 17 inches) sized draft of the poster for review purposes. Both the extended abstract and the poster draft should include author names (these are not anonymous submissions). Please send submissions directly to co-chairs at posters@group2016.org.
- **Workshops.** Workshops provide an informal and focused environment for the information exchange and discussion of Group related topics. We offer half or full day workshop venues. Proposals should include an abstract (max 150 words), a title, description of workshop theme, aim, goals, activities and potential outcomes. It should also specify audio/visual equipment needed, maximum number of participants, the duration of the workshop (half or full day) and the names and backgrounds of the organizer(s). Please submit a maximum of four pages, using the [ACM standard format](#) for submissions. We encourage topics suitable for developing new ideas and deep discussions. Please send submissions directly to co-chairs at workshops@group2016.org.
- **Doctoral Colloquium.** The Doctoral Colloquium provides a forum for sharing ongoing Ph.D. projects of participants with other advanced Ph.D. students and distinguished faculty for mentoring and feedback. Space is limited, so an application of up to four

pages is required, in the ACM standard format. Please contact the workshop co-chairs at dc@group2016.org.

Accepted research papers, notes, design fiction papers, posters, and doctoral consortium extended abstracts are published in the ACM Press Conference Proceedings and in the ACM digital Library. Accepted Workshop proposals will be published in a paper-based supplement.

Conference Topics:

- Theoretical and/or conceptual issues about key concepts relevant to CSCW and HCI, including critique.
- Social, behavioral, and computational studies of collaboration and communication.
- Technical architectures supporting collaboration.
- New tool/toolkits for collaborative technologies.
- Ethnographic studies of collaborative practices.
- Coordination and workflow technology.
- Social computing and contexts of collaboration.
- Online communities, including issues of privacy, identity, trust, and participation.
- Cooperative knowledge management.
- Organizational issues of technology design, use, or adaptation.
- Strategies for use of technology in business, government, and newer forms of organizations.
- Emerging technologies in work, home, leisure, entertainment, or education.
- Learning at the workplace (CSCL at work, Technology-Enhanced Learning, TEL).
- Co-located and geographically-distributed teams, global collaboration.
- Cultural and cross-cultural collaboration and communication.
- Mobile and wearable technologies in collaboration.
- Innovative forms of human computer interaction for cooperative technologies.

Important Dates

Papers and Notes Submission Deadline: Friday, February 12, 2016

Papers and Notes Decisions Announced: Friday, April 22, 2016

Design Fiction Submission Deadline: Friday, February 12, 2016
Design Fiction Decisions Announced: Friday, April 22, 2016

Working Papers (WP) Deadline: Wednesday, August 24, 2016
Working Papers Decisions Announced: Friday, September 9, 2016

Doctoral Colloquium Applications Deadline: Wednesday, May 11, 2016
Doctoral Colloquium Decisions Announced: Friday, June 10, 2016

Workshop Proposals Deadline: Monday May, 16, 2016
Workshop Proposals Decisions Announced: Wednesday, June 1, 2016
Workshop Participants Papers Deadline(s): August 2016, may vary per workshop

Posters/Demos Deadline: Monday, August 1, 2016
Posters/Demos Decisions Announced: Friday, August 19, 2016

Conference dates: November 13-16, 2016

If you have questions, please contact:

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