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Call for Papers

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Important Dates

Intent to submit	01 Sep 14
Paper submission	30 Sep 14
First Notification	15 Dec 14

Software and Systems Modeling



Theme Issue:

The Human Perspective in Business Processes

The BPMDS (Business Process Modeling, Development and Support) series in conjunction with CAiSE focuses on business processes and their IT support -one of the keystones of information systems theory- since 1998.

BPMDS solicits papers related to Business Process Modeling, Development and Support (BPMDS) in general. To encourage new and emerging challenges and research directions in the area of business process modeling, development and support, we have a unique focus theme every year for the idea papers. The focus theme for BPMDS'2014 idea papers was:

The human perspective in Business Processes

The human perspective is of essence since humans direct business processes rather than computers. It plays a major role in all phases of BPMDS. The human perspective in business process modeling relates to the individual who creates a process model, to the communication among people that is facilitated by the business process model during and after the modeling process, and to the social process of collaborative modeling. The human perspective in business process design relates to the kind of interaction / collaboration / coordination / cooperation that should be implemented in the business process or to specific human-related aspects of the business process itself and their representations in models. The human perspective in business process support relates to all social aspects of the business process and its management in an organization.

The *Journal of Software and Systems Modeling* (SoSyM) invites original, high-quality submissions for its theme issue on "The Human Perspective in Business Processes (BP)" focusing on topics related to BPMDS, including:

- **Business Process Modeling:** multi-perspectives on BP modeling, representations of humans in BP models, actor-driven (vs activity driven) representations of BPs, variability and adaptability of BP models, BP modeling enhanced by social software and social networks.
- **Business Process Support:** BP change management and governance issues, BP support combined with social software and social networks, actor support vs control support in BPs, enhancing creativity in BPs, mobile technologies and context aware BPs.
- **Requirements on Business Processes:** flexibility, variability, adaptability, knowledge-intensive business processes, context aware business processes, cross-organizational business processes compliance, reliability, security, performance.

General Author Information

- Papers must be written in a scientifically rigorous manner with adequate references to related work.
- Submitted papers have to be original work. They must not be simultaneously submitted in an extended form or in a shortened form to other journals or conferences. It is however possible to submit extended versions of previously published work if less than 60% of the content already appeared in a non-journal publication, or less than 40% in a journal publication. Please see the [SoSyM Policy Statement on Plagiarism](#) for further conditions.
- Submitted papers do not need to adhere to a particular format or page limit, but should be prepared using font "Times New Roman" with a font size no smaller than 11 pt, and with 1.5 line spacing. Please consult the [SoSyM author information for submitting papers](#).
- Each paper will be reviewed by at least three reviewers.

Making a submission

- Communicate your intent to submit a paper by emailing the theme issue editors the following information before the Intent to Submit deadline: Title, Authors, and an Abstract.
- Possible submission formats are:
 - Word (.doc, without macros)
 - Rich Text Format (.rtf)
 - PostScript (.ps, special fonts must be embedded)
 - PDF (saved as readable in version 5.0 or earlier)
- In order to submit your paper, please go to <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/sosym/>
 - create a new account (if you don't have one)
 - login and go to Author Center
 - select the link for new manuscripts under Author Resources and provide the following information:
 - 1- *Type, Title, & Abstract*
 - a. Select 'Theme Section Paper' as the paper type.
 - b. Choose Bernhard Rumpe as the Editor in Chief (EIC).
 - 2- *Attributes*: These are keywords describing the paper; no restrictions on this input.
 - 3- *Authors & Institutions*: no restrictions
 - 4- *Reviewers & Editors*: Near the bottom of this page is a section called 'Add an Editor'. It has a pull-down list of editors. Please choose Selmin Nurcan, and click 'Designate as Preferred Editor'.
 - 5 - *Details & Comments*: Please add a note that the submission is part of the "BPMDS 2014 Theme Issue"
 - 6- *File Upload*: no restrictions
 - 7- *Review & Submit*: no restrictions

Further information

If you have any questions or require additional information about this theme issue, please contact the editors.

Timeline of the Review process

Full paper submission: September 30, 2014

Notifications: December 15, 2014

Second review round - Submission: March 15, 2015 (February 5, for minor modifications)

Second review round - Notification: May 1st, 2015

Final Paper submission: July 1st, 2015