

Editorial

The present issue of the Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems is a telling illustration of many of the ambitions of the present editorial board. Aligned – broadly – with our programme of promoting socially aware, critical but also constructive studies of IS, the three ordinary papers of this issue address widely distinct empirical phenomena. This underscores our openness to dealing with most aspects of processes of developing, using and spreading IS. We are pleased that also this issue of the journal covers material drawn from settings well beyond the geographical constraints of Scandinavia. SJIS substantiates commitment to promoting an entry or perspective on IS, but not to strict delineations of empirical phenomena.

The three ordinary papers consist of Sahay's study of globally dispersed development of IS focusing on dilemmas of standardization of work. Fredriksen and Rose's piece picks up on a seemingly 'technical' aspect of systems development (metrics), but goes on to unpack how this gets caught up in organizational issues. Ellingsen's contribution analyzes how an IS is

used to facilitate coordination of hospital based work routines.

In addition, the present issue also promotes the SJIS's ambition to foster and facilitate engaged debates around our own practices. We are happy to accommodate relevant and challenging debates as few journals seem to allow this type of output. Finken in her contribution kicks of a new thread in the form of a critical perspective on assumptions and practices within our community. The next eight pieces (Grudin, Christiansen, Kanstrup, Bødker, Dittrich, Sørensen, Nurminen and Dahlbom) are replies, comments and critiques of a recent debate contribution by Beck on the politics of participatory design.

Enjoy a varied meal!

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