

# Debate Forum

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With Vol. 17, No. 1 of the Scandinavian Journal of IS we like to revive the debate forum feature, which first started with Vol. 6, No. 1 in 1994. The forum was introduced with the following statement of the editorial collective:

In the debate forum the journal will publish critical notices about the state of, say, Scandinavian information systems research in general, but we will prefer criticism with a clear address, be it a paper published in this journal (or somewhere else), a book, a conference, or some other phenomenon within the range of our community, in order to make it possible to get a dialogue going without delay.

The debate forum editor will determine what is fit to print and what is not.

Critical notices will generally be sent to the one being attacked for response before it is published. The editor will take initiatives to bring about debates, but will of course be dependent on suggestions and material supplied by the community. So, please submit your angry letters, critical notices of books published (but no ordinary reviews, please), or trends observed, as well as suggestions for debates.

This statement is still valid and we eagerly await our readers' debate contributions. However, we also like to start a new tradition. For this volume we received a debate submission by Rose, Jones, and Truex entitled "Socio-Theoretic Accounts of IS: The Problem of Agency." However, instead of publishing it—after an editorial process between the authors and the forum editor—and waiting for the next volume or number of the journal we contacted a number of colleagues implicitly and explicitly addressed by the debate contribution and asked them for a comment, argument or statement. Five (actually six) colleagues followed our call and discussed some of the issues raised by Rose et al. After having collected these commentaries, the initiators of the

debate got the opportunity for a reply and they did. The result you find here without any delay in this number. For the future we will try to continue this procedure.