

Editorial

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This issue contains two research articles and a debate section including eight articles. This mix of completed research articles and articles that discuss a significant and contested research topic is reflective of SJIS's ambition to attract its readership with intriguing views of IT development and use.

Looking at the research article section, the article written by Helena Holmström and Ola Henfridsson explores the role that online communities can play in packaged software development. This is done in the context of a Swedish computer developer's efforts to cultivate voluntary community participation for commercial ends. The article written by Carlos Barca and Antonio Cordella examines IT implementation challenges faced by public sector organizations. The research is based on a case study of a procurement system in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

Edited and introduced by the debate section editor, Karl Kautz, the debate section concerns the ontological foundations of conceptual modelling. Boris Wyssusek offers a critical examination of the topic, which is responded to by Kalle Lyytinen, Simon Milton & Ed Kazmierczak, Andreas Opdahl, John Krogstie, Nicola Guarino & Giancarlo Guizzardi, as well as Yair Wand & Ron Weber. Concluding the debate section, Boris Wyssusek provides a commentary that discusses the responses provided by the other participants in this debate.

