

Editorial

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The second issue of the SJIS volume features 3 research articles. The articles represent research performed in Sweden, Denmark and Norway, but the authors are also from Finland and—as has become a tradition—friends from outside our region.

In the first article entitled “The Embedded Panopticon: Visibility issues of remote diagnostics surveillance”, Katrin Jonsson explores how IT based remote diagnostics technology changes surveillance and its ethical consequences. In an interpretive case study she investigates surveillance dilemmas that users and suppliers identify in using remote diagnostics technology. The results show how visibility and non-visibility are of decisive importance concerning whether or not users can examine ethical dilemmas in computer use as visibility seems to be what triggers employees’ feelings of being monitored or not.

The second article by Pernille Bjørn, Ada Scupola and Brian Fitzgerald with the title “Expanding Technological Frames Towards Mediated Collaboration: Groupware adoption in virtual learning teams” provides an in-depth analysis of the technological and social factors that led to the successful adoption of groupware by a virtual team in an educational setting. Drawing on a theoretical framework based on the concept of technological frames, they report an action research study that analyzes the chronological sequence of events during groupware systems adoption. The findings show that the adoption of groupware systems can be conceptualised as a three-step process of expanding and aligning individual technological frames towards the technology.

The third paper presents another qualitative case study. In “Contemporary Issues of Enterprise Content Management: The Case of Statoil”, Bjørn Erik Munkvold, Tero Päiväranta, Anne Kristine Hodne, and Elin Stangeland identify a wide range of issues related to management of content, infrastructure and change. The enterprise content management (ECM) perspective, which represents integrated enterprise-wide management of the life cycles of all forms of recorded information content and their metadata, is found to integrate and extend the existing research areas of information resource management and document management, as well as the repository model of knowledge management. The authors argue that ECM deserves attention beyond the current market hype, as a potential area of IS research crossing several previously separate areas of information management from the viewpoint of the enterprise.

Based on an intensive engagement with the field, all articles are excellent examples of research performed in Scandinavia and published in the SJIS.

With this issue we also say farewell to Ola Henfridsson who has served on the editorial board for 6 years, the last 1½ years as co-ordinating editor. It has been a great pleasure working with Ola and he is sharing his experiences with all of us in a summary statement following this editorial. A farewell means of course also a welcome. The editorial collective thus welcomes Rikard Lindgren from the Viktoria Institute in Göteborg, Sweden, who will be the Swedish representative on the board for the next 4 years. We are looking forward to working with Rikard.