

Call for Abstracts

About Time: Information through the lens of time and temporality

A one-day workshop at the **2020 iConference** to be held in Borås, Sweden on Monday, **March 23, 2020**

We seek contributions attending to the multi-faceted ways in which time and temporality are implicated in our understanding of information systems, policies, practices, institutions, or discourses. Time is relatively understudied notion in the field, and it cuts across and brings together otherwise disparate research traditions and interests in a fundamental way that demands further attention.

Thus, the **purpose** of the workshop is to bring together information studies researchers, who are attending to notions of time and temporality in relation to information or who are about to develop research in this direction. The workshop intends to stimulate theoretical and subject-related development on the issue of time and temporality in the study of information, a complex and emerging field of study.

The workshop has three **goals**:

1. Contribute to a **theoretically informed development** of notions of time and temporality for the study of information
2. **Networking** across different areas of the information field, thus potentially opening up avenues for future directions
3. Garner interest for a **special issue** of the **Journal of Documentation**

The theme of time/temporality and information includes, but is not limited to:

- Time as a structuring device for information practices and activities
- Information and different experiences of time
- The social acceleration of time and information work
- Temporal dimensions of information systems
- Time and social order
- Information about time
- Theoretical and methodological issues pertaining to studies of time and information
- Discourses of time and information
- Critical perspectives on time and information
- Generational aspects of information
- Cultural heritage and memory practices
- The temporalities of professional communication
- The temporalities of scholarly communication

NOTE: these are examples and other issues at the intersection of time/temporality and information are welcome.

Submission

We invite the submission of **extended abstracts** (700-1000 words, excl. references). We encourage **different types of submissions**, incl. conceptual, empirical, and methodological and at different stages of completion, even ideas, explorations, or work in progress.

Submissions will be peer-reviewed by at least two members of the organisation committee.

The submission is to be done via email: **about.time@hb.se**

At least one author of each accepted abstract must register for the conference and present the paper there. We will have a number of slots for remote participation for authors not travelling to Sweden. This is in line with the attempt to minimize academic travelling and supports researchers flying less frequently to reduce carbon emissions.

Important dates (extended)

- 10th December 2019: deadline for submission of abstracts
- 20th December 2019: notification of acceptance for presentation
- 25th January 2020: preliminary workshop programme sent out

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