



## **Tenth International Conference on Electronic Commerce Innsbruck, Austria, August 19-22, 2008**

### **CALL FOR EXTENDED ABSTRACTS**

#### **ICEC 2008 Doctoral Consortium**

**Innsbruck, Austria, August 19, 2008**

##### **Executive Summary**

The ICEC Doctoral Consortium aims at bringing together doctoral students within the fields of e-commerce and e-business to open their work up to discussion in an international forum, and to obtain valuable feedback from their fellow scientists with respect to both topic-specific research issues, and research methodology. Students will be asked to submit an extended abstract (of about 5 pages), structured in accordance to a pre-defined template, whose focus is on the key methodological components required for a sound research narrative. Generally speaking, priority will be given to 1st/2nd year PhD students, because they are still in the process of defining the scope of their research. However, all PhD students are welcome and encouraged to apply. It will be co-located with the 10th International Conference on Electronic Commerce ICEC 2008 in Innsbruck, Austria, and is preliminarily scheduled for August, 19 2008.

##### **Important Dates (GMT)**

Deadline for paper submissions: May 12, 2008

Notification of acceptance: June 9, 2008

Camera-ready versions: June 23, 2008

DC: August 19, 2008

##### **Call for Contributions**

The Doctoral Consortium is open to all PhD students carrying out research on topics related to electronic commerce or electronic business (see below). The applicants are required to send an extended abstract of their doctoral work, which should address the following aspects:

- What is the research problem of the PhD thesis and why is it relevant for the e-commerce or e-business areas?
- What is the state of the art in the field, where do you see room for improvement and why is it feasible to assume your work will have chance to achieve progress?
- What are the main contributions expected?

- What are the real-world use cases (applications, target audience) which are likely to benefit from your work?
- What is the general research approach followed?
- What has been achieved so far?
- What the evaluation method applied or planned to be applied?
- What are your plans for future work?

The submissions should not exceed 5 pages and be formatted according to the ACM Proceedings Format (<http://www.acm.org/sigs/pubs/proceed/template.html>). The papers will be submitted through the conference's online submission and review system available at <http://www.icec08.org/>, where detailed calls for the respective conference parts are available. Applicants should also specify (e.g., in a footnote to the paper) how long they have worked on their doctoral work.

All papers will be peer-reviewed by at least two members of the scientific advisory board. The submissions will be reviewed against the following criteria (in this order):

- Novelty and originality of the research work
- Rigorousness and scientific soundness of the overall approach and of the results so far
- Clarity of the presentation
- Relevance of the work with respect to the specified list of topics

The selected participants will be given the opportunity to open their work up to discussion in front of other students and an expert audience (either in a regular presentation session or in a poster session).

### **Topics**

Topics of interest to the Doctoral Consortium include (but are not restricted to):

- Business-to-business e-commerce
- Business-to-consumer e-commerce
- E-government, policy and law
- Business/Enterprise Architectures for e-commerce
- Mobile and pervasive commerce
- Electronic Markets and Multiagent Systems
- Semantic Web technology and its application to e-commerce and e-business.

### **DC Chair**

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