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Mitigating Paradox at the eSociety Tipping Point

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Call for Participation: Social Interaction Theme

In the next few years pervasive, adaptive and virtual reality technologies will provide incredibly realistic simulations of the real. At the same time concerns about terrorism, global warming and population growth will make travel and other real experiences more dangerous and expensive. As a result people's experiences of places and other people, of history and culture will be increasingly mediated by technologies. In this theme position papers will be presented to stimulate discussion of the benefits and dangers that arise as we replace the real with simulated experiences. In particular we look at the issues of:

- social interaction mediated by technologies
- how to achieve a real sense of presence for physically distant people interacting with each other
- the social and psychological impact of interacting with virtual characters
- people developing deep relationships with, or fear of, virtual presences
- the impact of pervasive and adaptive technologies on the sense of the real
- trust and pervasive, adaptive and presence technologies
- interacting with simulations, or being immersed in simulated worlds
- other topics related to social interaction in the world of pervasive, adaptive and presence technologies

Important Dates

30 September:

Submission Deadline

31 October:

Notification of Acceptance

18 December:

Social Interaction Workshop

Organizing Committee

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Paper Format, Submission and Publication

Position papers can range from 2-8 pages. See the ICST IT Revolution website (www.itrevolutions.org) for details on format, submission and publication. Inquiries to the Theme Chair. Prof David Benyon: d.benyon@napier.ac.uk