

2nd Int. Workshop on Urban Computing and Modern Cities
Outdoor Exploration of the City

"Transforming a City into a Sociable Smart City"

Tuesday, 7 July 2015

Call for participation

Join this free activity of the UCMC2015 workshop

Aim & Scope

In this workshop we approach urban computing from an angle that focuses on its effect on (people's perception)/(the sociable qualities) of public space. Technical progress has achieved efficient operation of computing infrastructure in the urban landscape, yet the effect of this technology on how people understand, embody and experience the city landscape is still open to research.

As part of this workshop, participants will engage in an outdoor exploration of the city landscape aiming to locate areas of particular interest that can be augmented with urban computing technology in order to function more efficiently or to transform their character. Participants will be asked to observe a public space, identify the primary actors that traverse or use it and propose appropriate technology-based interventions that tease the line between its occupant's familiarity and unfamiliarity with it, disclose its sociable qualities and have the power to enhance or transform it.

The results of this outdoor exploration of the city will be presented to the 3rd Hybrid City Conference (Athens, Greece, September 2015) and the participants will be invited to contribute to a journal article at a special issue on "Sociable Smart Cities".

Participants are kindly request to fill in the following form: <http://goo.gl/forms/UJmorf32SE>

Format of outdoor activity – "Exploration of the City"

- 10:00 : Participants meet at conference venue (room to be arranged)
Orientation, decision of places to attend
- 10:30 : Moving outdoors
Observation, photos, possible interviews.
- 12:30 : Return to conference venue
Prepare checkups/illustrations of intervention
Light lunch
- 13:30 : Presentation of proposed interventions - open discussion.
- 14:30 : End of workshop - possible follow up & further discussion

Workshop organisers

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