3rd Immersive Learning Research Network Conference (iLRN2017)
June 26th – 29, 2017
Coimbra, Portugal, European Union

Special Track on Sociocultural Aspects of Immersive Learning

Call for Papers & Presentation Proposals

Current advances on technology have fostered different approaches to the use of immersive technology in learning. The aim of this special track is to offer researchers, practitioners, and stakeholders a forum to share ideas, insights and experiences, as well as to explore multidisciplinary research advances within the context of immersive learning, focusing specifically on sociocultural aspects of immersive learning.

The special track will feature (1) an invited speaker session, (2) a research paper session, and (3) interactive presentations in the format of TED-X, which is designed for speakers from industries, government, and other non-academic settings, who would like to share their innovative ideas and interact with the audience in 20-minute presentations without the need to write formal academic papers. Registration will be open to all interested registered parties.

Topics of interest include (but are not limited to):

- Sociocultural aspects of engagement, assessment and performance within immersive learning environments
- Approaches to blending technology and human support in education and professional service environments.
- Collaborative learning in immersive environments
- Theoretical framework or literature reviews related to cultural aspects of immersive learning
- Engagement, assessment and performance evaluations, from content to usability (e.g., user interface design, interaction design)
- Development of Open Educational Resources (OERs) for immersive learning
- New trends of immersive learning: seamless, affective, social, and collaborative
- Theories, models, and practices related to Entrepreneurship in Education.

Researchers are hereby invited to submit a long paper (10 – 12 pages) detailing their research, or as a short paper (6 - 8 pages) describing their work-in-progress. Submissions for the TED-X presentations will be accepted as one-page abstract of the talk, including bio of the speaker.

Selected papers from the main conference and special tracks will be published in the Springer Proceedings, and the rest of the accepted papers will be published in the online proceedings with a confirmed ISBN number/reference. Abstracts submitted for TED-X presentations will be included on the online proceedings. Authors of the best papers will be invited to submit extended versions to the EAI
Transactions on Emerging Technologies and Pedagogies for Education. Please note that best papers considered for Springer publication must qualify as full paper not exceeding 14 pages.

All papers (including papers selected for Springer publication, Online Proceedings and poster submissions) must follow Springer’s style guidelines. More information available at: https://immersivelrn.org/ilrn2017/author_info/

Each submission will be evaluated by a Program Committee consisting of a panel of international experts. Each paper will receive two double-blind reviews. TED-x presentations will be evaluated on base of relevance by two PC members. Further information is available at https://immersivelrn.org/ilrn2017/special_tracks/.

Important Dates
- Papers submission deadline: February 1st, 2017
- Author notification of acceptance: March 15th, 2017
- Camera-ready deadline: April 15th, 2017
- Main Conference, Special Tracks and Workshops: June 26th – June 29th, 2016

General Chairs
- Anasol Pena-Rios - University of Essex, UK (www.essex.ac.uk)
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