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User-Centric Technology Design for Nonprofit and Civic Engagements

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1. Introduction

Recently Non-profit settings have got attention of general public as state institutions are reducing their responsibilities towards citizens. In order to indulge in effective work, such social settings need to communicate and coordinate effectively. However, such settings are typically characterized by a lack of resources, an absence of formal hierarchical structures and differences in languages and culture among the activists. Modern technologies could help nonprofit networks in improving their working. Technology support for nonprofit sector is an important field of research not only due to the increased political importance of this sector in a globalizing world but also due to their organizational characteristics. In order to design appropriate technological support for such settings, it is important to understand their work practices, which widely differ from traditional business organizations.

This book aims to strengthen the body of knowledge by providing user studies and concepts related to user centered technology design process for nonprofit settings. Ethnographic studies and user-centered evaluation of IT artifacts in practice, will help to better understand the design requirements of such settings. This book will include chapters from leading scholars and practitioners on the technology design process examining human centered factors. The chapters will focus on developed and developing countries as they both have unique issues in technology design.

The objective of the proposed book is to invite ideas, suggestions and recommendations and publish high quality contributions examining the inherent issues, technology design implications, user experiences and guidelines for technology appropriation in non-profit settings.

2. Recommended Topics and Themes

Topics to be discussed in this book include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Technology Appropriation in Nonprofit Organizations
- Empirical Studies of Technology Usage in Nonprofit Settings
- Open Sources Systems and Nonprofit Organizations
- Web 2.0 and Nonprofit Organizations
- Evaluation of IT Systems in Practice
- Technology based Collaboration among Nonprofit Organizations
- Technology for Advocacy and Mobilization Campaigns
- Technology based Communication among Nonprofit Stakeholders

- IT and Knowledge Management in Nonprofit Settings
- System Usability Issues of Nonprofit Settings

3. Important dates and deadlines

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