



ISCRAM2009
**The 6th International Conference on Information Systems for
Crisis Response and Management**

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TRACK: Research Methods

CALL FOR PAPERS

Introduction of the track

This track presents state-of-the-art research methods intended to improve understanding of human communication and decision making in crisis management. The focus of the track is on presenting innovative methods that have been applied and evaluated, whether in the field, laboratory or synthetic environments (e.g., computer-based simulations). Consistent with the overall theme of the conference, particular emphasis of the track is on methods that may be used to uncover the processes that underlie human interaction with information and communication technology (ICT).

Suggested topics (non-exhaustive list):

- Assessing reliability, transferability and validity in crisis research;
- Integration of data from human and machine (e.g., sensor-based) sources, such as those produced in large-scale exercises;
- Evaluations or reviews of crisis research methodologies, including reflections on lessons learned from past research;
- Policy-level issues that may aid or inhibit data collection, such as issues of privacy and confidentiality;
- Adaptation of methodologies from outside crisis response and management; and
- Development of new or otherwise innovative methods for crisis management, particularly those which may provide valuable tools for researchers in other domains.

Special Sessions:

In addition to the general track, this track also includes the following special session:

- Ethnography and Technology Development for Crisis Management

For detailed information regarding special sessions, please consult each Special Sessions' Call for Papers.

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- All submissions must be submitted through the ISCRAM 2009 conference paper submission web page at www.conftool.com/iscram2009. Instructions for the ConfTool system can be found on www.iscram.org.
- All papers and presentations will go through a double-blind review process, leading to a decision of (conditional) acceptance or rejection.
- Accepted papers will be included in the ISCRAM 2009 program and published in the official proceedings if and only if
 - (1) the paper is formatted according to the instructions,
 - (2) the authors sign the copyright transfer form and
 - (3) one of the authors registers for the conference and pays the registration fee before the cut-off date for early registration.
- Authors who have multiple papers accepted can only register for and present one paper at the conference; co-authors need to register separately.

Important ISCRAM 2009 Dates:

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| • Submission deadline: | January 11, 2009 |
| • Notification of conditional accept: | February 16, 2009 |
| • Final submission revised paper: | March 1, 2009 |
| • Final author notification: | March 9, 2009 |
| • Early registration deadline: | March 22, 2009 |
| • Conference: | May 10-13 2009 |

About ISCRAM:

The ISCRAM Community is a worldwide community of researchers, scholars, teachers, students, practitioners and policy makers interested or actively involved in the subject of Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management. At its annual international conference alternating between the US and Europe, the ISCRAM Community gathers to present and discuss the latest research and developments in this growing area during an interactive and stimulating 3 day program. The ISCRAM Community also organizes an International Summer School for PhD students and ISCRAM-CHINA, an annual conference for ISCRAM research in China. All information on ISCRAM can be found at <http://www.iscram.org>

This year the conference will be held from 10-13 May at the Göteborg University located in Gothenburg, Sweden. The conference will be hosted by the Viktoria Institute and the IT-university of Gothenburg. All details on this conference will be made available via the ISCRAM website mentioned above.