

Call for papers

Special Issue on Multicriteria Analysis in GDSS/NSS

In our current globalised world decision making and negotiating are becoming increasingly important and complex. On the other hand, information and communication technologies, and the associated supplied services are in a permanent evolution and heavily (and positively) impacting decision and negotiation support.. These trends motivate a pace of innovation, integrating new areas of information systems research with new models/methods leading to a fast evolution in Group Decision Support Systems (GDSS) and Negotiating Support Systems (NSS). Furthermore, the multidimensionality of the complex real world problems requires demands in many cases the integration of multicriteria models/methods within the GDSS/NSS paradigms. We should stress, moreover, that Multicriteria Analysis (MA) is, in itself, a diversified field of research, incorporating several streams, all of them relevant for Group Decision and Negotiation: Multiple Objective Mathematical Programming Methods, Multiattribute Utility and Value Theory, Outranking methods, Interactive Procedures, are an integral part of MA.

The main objective of this special issue of the Group Decision and Negotiation Journal (GDN) is to gather state-of art research putting in evidence the relevance of MA in GDSS/NSS. Articles referring to theoretical, methodological and applied aspects will be welcome. The deadline for submissions is 31 March 2009.

Each paper will be peer-reviewed according to the editorial policy of GDN (<http://www.springerlink.com/content/100270/>) published by Springer in cooperation with the INFORMS-GDN section. Papers should be original, unpublished, and not currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. They should be prepared according to the instructions to authors that can be found in the journal homepage.

Authors are strongly encouraged to send their submissions in electronic form (preferably a PDF file).

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