

Organizational time: ICTs and the multiple rhythms of work

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Table 1: Duration of work episodes

Episode duration (minutes)	Mean number of episodes per day	Share of episodes (per cent)	Mean duration of each episode (minutes)	Mean total time spent per day (minutes)
10 or less	79.4	89.7	2.9	231.3
From 10 and up to 30	6.7	7.6	17.2	115.8
From 30 and up to 60	1.9	2.2	44.1	85.7
Greater than 60	0.4	0.5	86.1	38.3
All episodes	88.4	100.0	5.3	471.1*

* This is equal to the mean total work time of approximately eight hours

Table 2: Frequency and duration of episodes

	Mean number of episodes per day	Mean duration of each episode (minutes)	Mean total time spent per day (minutes)
Communication activities			
<i>Direct, non-mediated</i>	23.3	6.8	158.7
Face-to-face	20.5	4.4	90.8
Meetings	2.8	24.3	67.9
<i>Mediated</i>	37.0	4.7	172.9
Landline phone	12.9	5.1	66.0
Mobile device	4.9	3.3	16.1
Email via desktop computer	16.9	5.1	85.9
Email via mobile device	2.3	2.1	4.9
Other activities			
e.g. lunch break, report writing	28.2	4.9	139.4

Figure 1: Time spent on communication activities during the workday

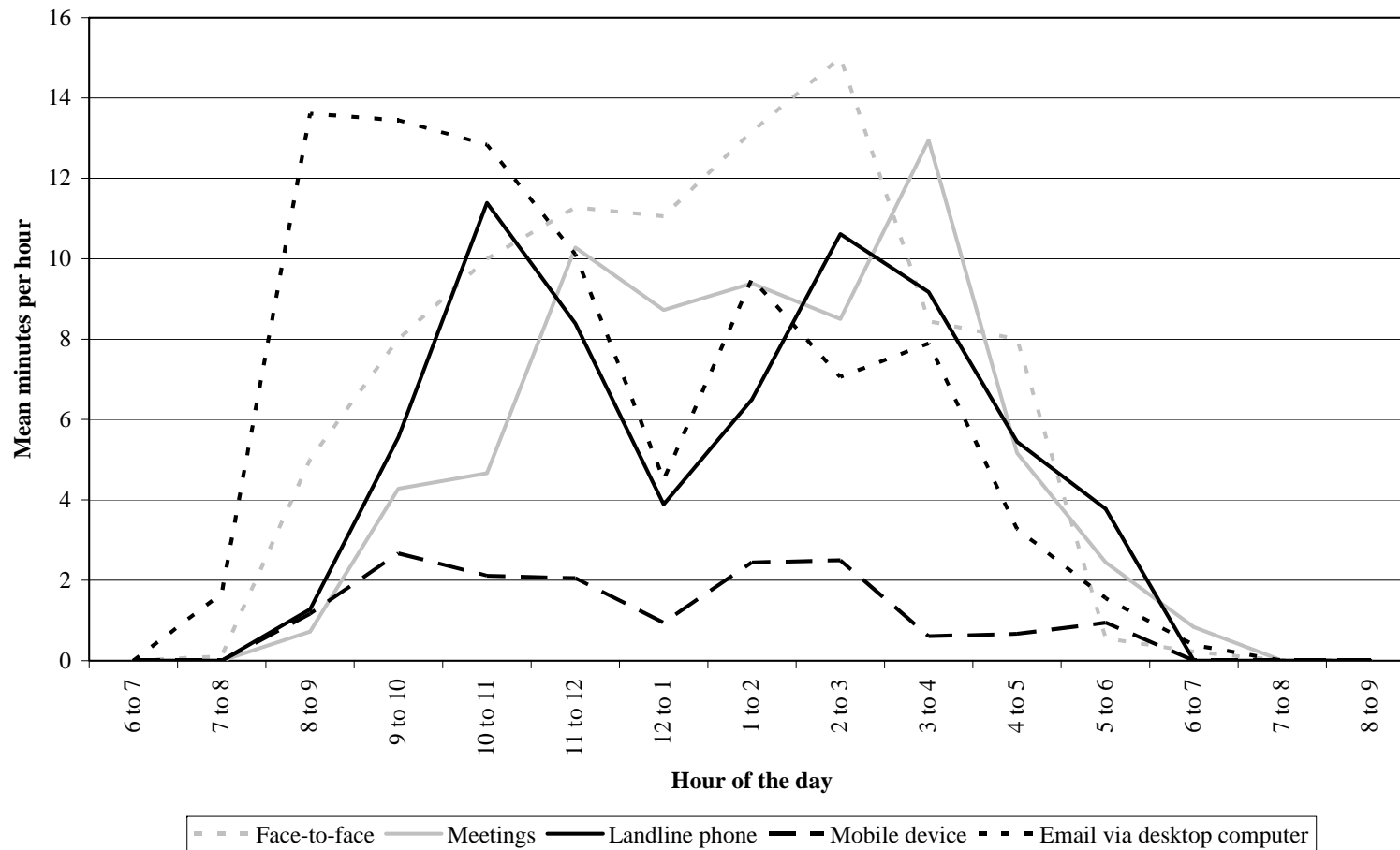


Table 3: Reason for change in work activity

Reason for change in work activity	Mean number of interruptions per day
<i>Face-to-face</i>	12.4
<i>Mediated</i>	9.1
Landline or mobile call	6.3
Landline or mobile alert	2.3
Email alert	0.5
<i>Self</i>	65.7
<i>Other</i>	1.4