

iSCHANNEL

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From the Convener

iSChannel is an excellent student initiative that spotlights the academic work of members of the LSE-IS community. The editors have worked hard to prepare the inaugural issue, and its quality demonstrates the high-level of academic work to be found among IS students at the London School of Economics. It is important to raise the visibility of student work not only to understand IS issues more fully, but also to foster a culture of peer to peer information exchange -- students learning from students. The LSE-IS Department fully supports the *iSChannel* and is enthusiastic about the first edition. We hope that the journal will start a tradition in our department, and become a beacon for IS students worldwide. The students whose works have been published in this journal, by their willingness to submit their work to rigorous scrutiny, are certainly what I would label 'new barbarians'!

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From the Faculty Editor

Welcome to the first issue of *iSChannel*, a journal on the social study of Information Systems, produced, edited and double-blind peer reviewed by the students of the Department of Information Systems at the LSE. The quality of this journal is testament to the quality of writing of students on our MSc and PhD programmes, and to the dedication of the two editors-in-chief who have worked tirelessly to turn an idea into reality.

As the faculty editor I want to set out the aim and scope of the journal for the future. *iSChannel* publishes original material concerned with all aspects of the social study of Information Systems. Submission is limited to MSc or Ph.D. students only. In addition to papers we accept shorter provocative opinion essays and book reviews of 500 words or less. The two editors-in-chief change every year and are selected from the ADMIS or ISOR MSc programmes at the LSE. As faculty editor my role is simply to appoint and advise these editors in creating the journal.

I also hope that current contributors will look at *iSChannel* and remember a year in which their ideas about the role of Information Systems in our lives changed through their study at the LSE, and that future contributors will see how their ideas may develop and contribute.

Dr. Will Venters
Faculty Editor