

Call for Papers

11th Annual ICA Mobile Pre-conference Workshop
Mobile Research for Building a Better World
May 21 – 22

Mobile communication focuses on the intersection of mobility, place, technology, and culture, against a backdrop of rapid international economic and social change. The past decade of research on mobile communication has expanded on topics such as the reordering of social relationships, the global diffusion of mobile media, and the societal and psychological effects of mobile usage. This uniquely situates mobile communication for an interdisciplinary pre-conference to address positive and negative impacts of mobile-mediated communication in society. In the 11th ICA Mobile Pre-conference Workshop, we want to reflect upon the positive and negative aspects brought to our lives by this rapid spread of mobile communication, through the theme of “Mobile Research for Building a Better World.” Complementing the main conference theme, we expect participants to promote various definitions of “the good life” - such as capital enhancement, personal freedoms, social justice, more productive interactions, and stronger social ties - or factors that impede it. We anticipate a broad range of topics in mobile communication and welcome abstracts based on empirical and theoretical work entwined with mobile communication as it relates to:

- International contexts
- International development
- Health
- Social media
- Cultural differences
- Gender
- Local culture and heritage
- Learning and education
- Journalism
- Activism and social movements
- Politics
- Civic engagement
- Usability issues
- Methodologies

Submission Information

Submissions are welcomed from scholars at all stages of their careers, and across multiple disciplines engaged in research on mobile communication. Submissions should be extended abstracts of no more than 750 words and be in word doc/docx or PDF format. Submissions will be accepted through email to submissions@icamobile.org. The deadline for submissions is 11:59 PM EST on November 18, 2013. Papers will be judged by peer review on criteria of relevance and originality of topic, adequacy of literature review and methodology, legitimacy of conclusions, clarity of presentation, as well as fit with -- and contribution to -- the conference theme. Notifications on acceptance will be emailed in early January.

Best Paper Award

An award for the best paper will be given at this event. Only full papers submitted by the spring deadline for full paper submission (March 31st, 2014) will be considered for this award.

Venue

The mobile pre-conference will be held at the University of Washington. Transportation to the venue from the conference hotel will be provided at the beginning and end of each day's events. Additionally, the venue is accessible by public transportation.