

SISTM Seminar Series: Guy Gable

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Title: Research-Systems: An Information Systems Academic Discipline Strategic Research Focus

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Abstract: Research-Systems is a strategic, pragmatic and programmatic Information Systems programme of research that seeks insights into how best to systematically and more holistically research contemporary IS phenomena. Research-Systems embraces standards and standardization, while acknowledging the tension between control and creativity and the importance of paradigmatic commensurability. It is reflexive in seeking to leverage the value of what we already know through inventorying and harmonizing past methodological thought, and through reverse-engineering existing research methods exploring alignment with consequent harmonized thought, such re-description leading to the design of contemporary research methods. It seeks to further leverage existing IS knowledge-assets through trialling IS representation techniques (e.g. process modelling, ontology) with research methods (e.g. process model of case study method, ontology of methodology). It has a design science research orientation, its ultimate goal being theory for [research] design and action (Gregor, 2006), while recognising the value of intermediate conceptualisations - constructs, models and 'methods' - all of which lend to ultimate instantiation in research practice; namely Research Design Systems, Research Training Systems and Research Support Systems.

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