Digital Content Creation: Creativity, Competence, Critique

The second international DREAM conference 18-20 September 2008
University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark

Third call for papers

In knowledge-based societies, competence formation through education is key, and the formative role played by digital communication is widely acknowledged. However, one of the major challenges today is the mismatch between the digital resources nurtured by users in and outside of formal educational contexts. Not least young people’s rapid take-up of social software such as weblogs and wikis, online chat clients and virtual world applications serve to challenge existing forms of communication for learning, since these innovations allow and assume users’ own creation, sharing and editing of content.

Conference goals
This conference will present and discuss the most advanced and exciting research on digital content creation, its socio-cultural contexts and educational consequences. A major aim of the conference is to bring together an international forum of scholars from a range of disciplines including media and ICT studies, education, psychology, anthropology, sociology and cultural studies - and to promote dialogue within and across research traditions. We also aim to develop dialogue between researchers, educators and producers of new learning resources.

Conference themes
Topics of interest include but are not limited to:
Digital content creation: creative processes and textual reappropriations
Competence formation through digital content creation: personal voice or commercial
Institutional ramifications of digital content creation for learning
Studying digital content creation: the challenge of new methodologies

Papers are encouraged from researchers with interests in any of these specific themes as well as the general issues of the conference.

**Submissions**
If you would like to present a paper, please submit a 400 word abstract with an indication of which of the above themes you will address. Abstracts must include the title of your paper along with author name(s), affiliation, and contact details (postal address, telephone, fax and email address). Abstracts (format: pdf, doc, rtf) should be submitted to mail@dream.dk

After the conference, authors are invited to submit revised versions of their papers from which contributions will be selected for a peer-reviewed volume focusing on the main themes of the conference.

**Important dates**
- 1 June 2008 deadline for submission of abstracts
- 15 June 2008 notification of authors
- 1 July 2008 deadline for early registration
- 1 August 2008 deadline for submission of final papers

**Keynote speakers**
Keynote speakers will include professor David Buckingham (London Knowledge Lab, University of London), reader Charles Crook (Learning Sciences Research Institute, University of Nottingham), professor John Hartley (Creative Industries Faculty, Queensland University of Technology), professor Angela McFarlane (The Graduate School of Education, University of Bristol), professor Roger Säljö (Department of Education, Göteborg University), and associate professor David Williamson Shaffer (Department of Educational Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison).

**Pre-Conference: One-day ph.d. course**
The research conference is preceded by an intensive ph.d. course 17 September 2008, offering a venue for young scholars within relevant conference areas to meet with some of the main conference speakers and to make project presentations and discussions.

**Conference language**
The conference language is English.