How “Sociotechnical” is our IS Research?
An Informal Assessment and Possible Ways Forward

In this presentation, I will attempt to provide an assessment regarding the extent to which we, as IS academics, have been faithful to sociotechnical paradigm, often considered as the fundamental guiding frame for our discipline. As a first step, I will identify eight ways in which the technical and the social are featured in the IS literature. Next, I will offer a critical commentary on whether, and in what sense, these eight ways are consistent with the original sociotechnical framework. Finally, I will discuss some preliminary ideas for the IS community to consider regarding how to move forward with respect to the sociotechnical framing of the discipline.

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