
20th SUMMER SCHOOL ON ENGINEERING DESIGN RESEARCH



Week 1: June 10th –June 16th, 2018, Oasi di Cavoretto, Torino-Cavoretto, Italy (Sun-Sat)

Week 2: July 15th – July 20th, 2018, Kloster Drübeck (nr. Braunschweig), Germany (Sun-Fri!)

Deadline for application: March 31st, 2018

Latest notification of acceptance: April 22nd, 2018

Aims of the Course

The aims of the Summer School on Engineering Design Research are to make PhD students who are working on topics related to Design Science better qualified and equipped for their research by (i) helping them select a theoretical foundation and develop a research approach, and (ii) encouraging discussion and collaboration.

The objectives are to provide the participants with:

- insight into existing design theories and models to enable the selection of a suitable theoretical foundation,
- an overview of design research methods to enable them to develop the most appropriate approach for their own research,
- an interactive environment in which individual research topics are presented to and discussed with other participants and the lecturers,
- the opportunity to get to know and learn from other researchers and develop long-term collaborations.

To achieve the objectives, participants are actively engaged in the Summer School: the emphasis is on discussions and exercises based around the research projects of the participants.

Prerequisites

The Summer School is suitable for PhD students who have decided on a research topic, have undertaken a literature study, have formulated first aims and objectives and have an initial plan of work. For a three-year PhD, this will normally be at the end of the first year; for a four- or five-year PhD, at the end of the second year.

Conditions of Participation

- The course language is **English**.
- The number of participants is limited to max. 20. Therefore, you have to **apply for participation**.
- In case of over-subscription the course organisers will select, based on the criteria stated in the prerequisites; in addition, the number of participants of a single university may be limited.
- **Participants will have to attend both weeks.**

Dates and Venues (travel details for both locations will follow)

Week 1: Arrival Sunday, June 10th, 2018, afternoon; departure Saturday, June 16th, 2018, morning

Location: Oasi di Cavoretto, Torino-Cavoretto, Italy; www.oasicavoretto.org/, maps →

Week 2: Arrival Sunday, July 15th, 2018, afternoon; departure Friday (!) July 20th, 2018, lunchtime

Location: Kloster Drübeck (Harz region, nr. Braunschweig), Germany; www.kloster-druebeck.de/, maps →

If you are non-European, please check whether you need a visa for Italy and/or Germany!

Fee

The total fee including full-board accommodation is **1,100 Euro**. This includes for *both* weeks: accommodation (from Sunday to Saturday in week 1, from Sunday to Friday in week 2), all meals during the stay from the supper on the day of arrival to the breakfast or lunch, respectively, on the day of departure, refreshments during the breaks, paper hand-outs, background material (provided via Dropbox), and the book “DRM, a Design Research Methodology”. Only the costs of travelling and insurance are not included.

Programme

Week 1: Introduction of participants through presentation of their projects; the nature of design and design research; concepts, models and schools of design and designing; Design Research Methodology (DRM) and examples of its use; defining aim, context, phenomenon of own project; identifying areas of relevance and own contribution; literature review and gap analysis; formulation of research questions/hypotheses for own project; establishing reference models; research types.

Week 2: Descriptive design research (data collection & analysis, interpretation, drawing conclusions); relating data collection methods to research questions/hypotheses; systematic literature review; the nature and use of theories in design; prescriptive phase of design research – developing knowledge, methods, models, tools; visualising main research object(s) of own project; evaluating research results and iterative development of the support; writing a thesis or other publication; reviewing articles.

All issues are treated using a mix of lectures, discussions, exercises (applied to own project) and presentations of results. Results of discussions and exercises are minuted and distributed to all participants (via Dropbox).

Application

To apply, please send an email **before March 15th, 2018**, to all three course leaders (see below). The application should contain:

- Your research topic (introduction to the problem to be solved, expected outcome, references)
- The progress you have made thus far (literature study, research questions, initial model, etc.)
- Your affiliation (university name and address, PhD supervisor), your date of birth (for the certificate)
- The date on which you started your PhD, the year when you plan to finish

You will be notified by email **before April 15th, 2018**, about your acceptance. After that, we will send further details about payment, travel, etc.

Certificate of Participation

All participants will be registered at the Technical University of Denmark, from which they receive an official certificate. The course leads to 5 ECTS points. Whether or not these points are recognised depends on each participant's university and PhD program.

Preparation and Homework

Preparation for Week 1:

- Participants are asked to prepare a **one-page (A4) written introduction** to their work containing:
 - Your research topic
 - Introduction to the problem to be solved
 - Objectives
 - Main research question(s)
 - Outline plan
 - Expected outcome
 - Your name and a picture of yourself

This introduction is to be provided all participants and lecturers **by June 4th, 2018**, using the SSEDR 2018 Dropbox. All accepted participants will be invited to the Dropbox for uploads and downloads in due time.

- All participants are expected to download and read all introductions prior to the start of the Summer School and to bring copies of them (a binder will be provided by us).
- You are expected to give a presentation of your work on the first day of the Summer School. We ask you to attend to the following:
 - Prepare not more than three slides!
 - Limit your presentation to 5-7 minutes to allow for questions (we will only have 15 minutes in total to understand the project and clarify questions).
 - We will use the Dropbox mechanism to transfer your presentation (there will be one computer for all presentations that are to be held during the Summer School). Further information will follow.
 - Just in case: Please also prepare a memory stick with your presentation, so that we can quickly load your file onto the Summer School computer if Dropbox does not work.
 - Include your name into the file name.

Preparation for Week 2:

- Please prepare a short presentation (“elevator pitch” style; 3-5 min each) explaining:
 - One slide about the research project as a reminder
 - One slide on lessons learned or changes made since week 1

- Please prepare a poster (A2 format). This exercise is on how to transport your project to the (scientific) public (e.g. at a conference). One possible structure of the poster is (don't necessarily stick to it – be creative!):
 - Background/problem statement
 - Goal and research questions/hypotheses and their relationships
 - What is your focus
 - Own contribution
 - Research approach (why do you believe there will be a result?)
 - Expected results
 - Your name and a picture of yourself
- Please upload the poster to the SSEDR 2018 Dropbox **at the latest by July 9th, 2018**.
- All participants are expected to:
 - Bring their own poster on A2 to week 2 of the Summer School for a joint poster show
 - Download all posters
 - Look at them (content, message, form)
 - Bring a copy (A4) of all posters to week 2 of the Summer School

Final report:

- Within two months (but not earlier than one month) after the course, the participants are requested to write a short report reflecting on the course and on the effects of the course on their own research.

Hosts

- Week 1: Prof. Dr. Marco Cantamessa, marco.cantamessa@polito.it;
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See you at SSEDR 2018!

Lucienne, Daniela and Christian