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Beyond the Traditional Perspective: Leveraging the Open Resource-Based View for Responsible Knowledge Management

Description

As stated in the IFKAD theme for 2027, 'The Ecology of Knowledge in the Age of AI', technology cannot be regarded as neutral. The same applies to knowledge, which cannot be regarded as neutral either. In fact, it can vary depending on perspective and situation, and may also be subject to a half-life (Durst, 2026). A healthy knowledge ecosystem should take this into account as well.

At the same time, society faces so many challenges, which require not only serious cooperation between different stakeholders across organizations and countries, but also the use of AI solutions that are as freely accessible as possible, enabling these stakeholders to incorporate AI as an active participant in their activities, thought processes, decision-making processes, etc.

If knowledge is viewed primarily as an asset and thus as a competitive advantage, i.e., the traditional perspective, which is strongly championed by the resource-based view, quickly reaches its limits here. The open resource perspective could bring new ideas or alternative ways of thinking in addressing the challenges at hand. This perspective proposed by Schlagwein et al. (2010) views resources as openly accessible, i.e., opened and not protected. We have reached an era in which resources are freely accessible at all levels, i.e., individual, organizational and societal, which enables and enhances cooperative and responsible knowledge management and, conversely, enables individuals, organizations and society as a whole to generate benefits that are accessible to all. However, open access alone does not guarantee the responsible use of information/knowledge; or, to put it another way, openness does not automatically lead to (responsible) action. This depends on a wide range of different factors at the individual, organisational and societal levels.

Therefore, the organizers of this track encourage academics and practitioners to share their ideas, findings and insights on how to advance the knowledge management literature from an open resource-based view to move forward to a healthy and responsible knowledge ecosystem. This track welcomes submissions that demonstrate out of the box and provocative ways of thinking. Methods that go beyond traditional ones are specifically invited.

Indicative Topics

- Collaborative knowledge management in AI empowered ecosystems and the impact on different types of performance among the ecosystems' members
- Extent to which openly available large language models are beneficial to all (e.g., vulnerable employee
- groups, workers from ethnic minorities and computer illiterates) and not only to the privileged (the core employees) when it comes to knowledge production and development
- The impact of AI empowered knowledge ecosystem on different types of well-being, such as physical, emotional, mental, social, workplace, financial well-being
- Exploration of the open resource-based view at the individual, organizational and institutional KM levels
- Using openly available AI solutions while at the same time achieving uniqueness by including contextual sectoral, organizational or individually specific knowledge and insights.
- The potential implications of the half-life of knowledge for systematic and responsible knowledge management
- The tension between status and access to resources: How can other disciplines, such as sociology or history, enrich the field of knowledge management in general and the move towards a healthy and responsible knowledge ecosystem?

Keywords

Responsible knowledge, responsible knowledge management, half-life of knowledge, open resource-based view, knowledge risk management, personal knowledge management

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Important Dates

22 January 2027 – Extended Abstract Submission Deadline
19 February 2027 – Acceptance Notification to Authors
16 April 2027 – Early-Bird Registration & Payment Deadline
23 April 2027 – Full Paper Submission Deadline
28 May 2027 – Regular and PhD Students Registration & Payment Deadline
12 June 2027 – Conference Program Release
28-30 June 2027 – Conference sessions *(to be considered as 3 full working days)*

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