

Virtual Worlds: Trust, Security, Rule of Law



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The workshop focuses on legally ruled collaboration in virtual worlds (VWs) in the light of security and trust. Virtual worlds are treated not as a game but as an extension of the real world. The approaches discussed can be viewed from different perspectives – informatics, law and legal informatics. The rule of law, a legal principle, is extended to virtual worlds. Most virtual worlds, e.g. Second Life, are of client-server architecture. Therefore certain disputes can be solved by administrators. The workshop aims at peer-to-peer virtual world platforms. The issues targeted at user-centric media community consist of personalisation, real-time, 3D, chat and social context. Special attention is given to future Internet perspectives, in particular, technological, legal and content related perspectives.

The objectives of the workshop are to encompass research advances and to create a community of researchers around the described issues of virtual worlds.

Topics of interest (not limited to)

- virtual world security
- public-key infrastructure in VWs; time stamping
- use cases; user needs
- P2P networks
- trust models; trust management systems
- avatar reputation models
- setting rules and laws; legal issues
- democracy; voting
- online dispute resolution
- virtual world engines; scripting
- educational scenarios; learning support

Targeted communities of interests

- informatics
- legal informatics
- jurists

Invited speaker

Tentative title "**On legal issues in virtual worlds**", by Prof. Dr. Gerald Spindler, Chair of Civil Law, Commercial and Economic Law, Comparative Law, Multimedia and Telecommunication Law at the University of Göttingen, Germany, <http://www.lehrstuhl-spindler.uni-goettingen.de>.

Important dates

- **Paper submission: extended to 27 Sept. 2009**
- Notification of acceptance: 19 October 2009
- Publishable papers: 8 November 2009

Submission

Submission is via ASSYST system <http://www.assyst-online.org/> (up to 6 pages, LNICST format). Publication of selected workshop papers is planned in LNICST by Springer, same publication as UCMedia 2009 conference proceedings.

Programme committee

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Registration details

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