Plenary Conference: Including Gender in the Interaction

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Abstract: What does it mean to pay attention to gender in the design of computer systems? Should everything be pink, or all content be about fashion? In this lecture, Rommes will discuss various notions of what ‘inclusion of gender’ can mean, and which advantages and disadvantages the various way of ‘including gender’ may have. In addition, she will discuss why it could be relevant to pay attention gender and how this can be done through the use of various design methodologies.

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