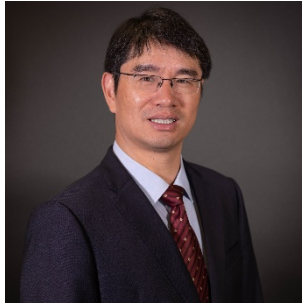




Dear Members of the ISS Community,

We are excited to share with you the upcoming events and member news. If you have future relevant events and news to share with the community, please contact Newsletter Editor Yang Gao (ygaol@illinois.edu).

President's Message



Thank you for your support and for the trust you have placed in us. It is a genuine honor to serve this remarkable community.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to our outgoing officers—Ming Fan, Nina Huang, and Yicheng Song—for their dedication and tireless efforts in sustaining the vitality and impact of ISS. My gratitude extends as well to our past presidents and officers, whose leadership established the strong foundation and many of the initiatives that continue to shape ISS today.

Thanks to the efforts of those who came before us, ISS is in a position of strength, both organizationally and financially. We are fortunate to inherit a society with momentum, stability, and a deep commitment to serving its members. Building on that foundation, our vision for the coming years centers on two priorities.

First, we will continue strengthening the bridge between ISS and INFORMS. In particular, we will deepen the collaboration between CIST and INFORMS conferences and work closely with the ISS Cluster and the E-Business Cluster to further elevate and integrate the IS community within the broader INFORMS ecosystem.

Second, we will invest in the strength of our community and in the platforms that support its continued growth. ISS has long benefited from a highly respected awards system, made possible by the dedicated stewardship of past leadership. We are committed to preserving the quality and credibility of that system while continuing to strengthen its governance through clear processes, great transparency, and thoughtful committee rotation.

At the same time, we are launching several new virtual initiatives designed to engage our community throughout the year, beyond the conference setting. These include the ISS-ISR Webinar Series and ISS Spotlight Series that explore topics extending beyond traditional research, including consulting, industry collaboration, academic leadership, job market preparation, and conversations around influential ISR papers. Through these efforts, we hope to create more opportunities for learning, connection, and meaningful exchange across our community.

Thank you again for your trust, your engagement, and your commitment to ISS. Together, we will continue building a stronger, more connected, and forward-looking community.

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Theory in Economics of Information Systems (TEIS)

Date: March 20–22, 2026.

Location: La Jolla, CA.

Registration is still open.

Biz AI Conference

Date: March 27–29, 2026.

Location: Naveen Jindal School of Management, UT Dallas.

Regular registration is still open.

Symposium on Statistical Challenges in E-Commerce Research (SCECR)

Date: June 21–24, 2026.

Location: Tokyo, Japan.

Early registration deadline is April 20, 2026.

INFORMS ISS Cluster

This year's ISS Cluster Co-Chairs are [Yi Ding](#), [John Lalor](#), and [Xia Zhao](#). Please contact the co-chairs if you want to organize a session or present in INFORMS ISS Cluster this year.

INFORMS eBusiness Cluster

This year's eBusiness Cluster Co-Chairs are [Manmohan Aseri](#), [Yi Gao](#), and [Jiahui Mo](#). Please contact the co-chairs if you want to organize a session or present in INFORMS eBusiness Cluster this year.

New ISS Initiatives

ISS-ISR Webinar Series

ISS, jointly with Information Systems Research (ISR), is pleased to launch a new initiative: **ISS-ISR Webinar Series**. The objectives of this series are to: (1) publicize outstanding research recently published in ISR; (2) promote and disseminate high-quality scholarship within the IS community; and (3) provide insights into the knowledge-generation process that are often not visible in the final published articles.

Each webinar will be conducted via Zoom and will last one hour. The first half will feature a presentation of the paper, while the second half will focus on the research and publication process—such as how the research idea originated, why the question is interesting and important, major challenges encountered during the research and review process, particularly helpful or controversial reviewer/editor comments, and key lessons learned. Because readers typically only see the final published version, we believe this “behind-the-scenes” perspective will offer unique value to the community.

We are delighted to announce that the inaugural speaker of the ISS–ISR Webinar Series will be Dr. Arun Rai. He will discuss his impactful paper published in ISR (2024).

- Speaker: [Dr. Arun Rai](#) (Howard S. Starks Distinguished Chair at the Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University; former Editor-in-Chief for MIS Quarterly)
- Time: **8:00–9:00 PM US Eastern Time, Monday, March 23**
- Title: “[Business Value of Information Technology Capabilities: An Institutional Governance Perspective.](#)” *Information Systems Research*, 2024, 35(1), 28–44
- Registration: <https://tulane.zoom.us/meeting/register/dw0yOvQxR76WRqaVf-7RpA#/registration>

ISS Spotlight Series

ISS is pleased to launch a new initiative: **ISS Spotlight Series**. Unlike traditional research webinars, the ISS Spotlight Series focuses on the broader stories, influence, and real-world translation of IS scholarship. The objectives of this series are to: (1) highlight impactful research and the stories behind it from IS scholars; (2) showcase industry cases that bridge theory and practice; and (3) share innovative teaching experiences and educational resources within the IS community.

Each spotlight will be delivered in the format of either a webinar or a podcast. Through these sessions, scholars and practitioners will reflect on how ideas developed, how research methods traveled from academia into industry, policy, and practice, and how these insights also shape teaching and curriculum innovation. By bringing these perspectives together, the series aims to foster deeper understanding and engagement within the IS community and showcase the broader societal and practical relevance of the IS field.

We are delighted to announce that the inaugural speaker of the ISS Spotlight Series will be Dr. Anindya Ghose. He will discuss how academic papers (including those by IS researchers) and commonly adopted research methodologies have influenced high-stakes antitrust and privacy litigation launched by the US government against tech firms such as Google, Meta, and Apple.

- Speaker: [Dr. Anindya Ghose](#) (Heinz Riehl Chair at the Stern School of Business at New York University; Department Editor for Management Science)
- Time: **8:00–9:00 PM US Eastern Time, Monday, April 13**
- Title: **“How Academics Influence Economic Analyses in Global Antitrust Litigations”**
- Registration will open soon.

ISR Special Issue: Generative AI and New Methods of Inquiry in Information Systems Research

Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) is rapidly reshaping not only organizations, markets, and technologies, but also the practice of scientific research itself. Large language models, multimodal foundation models, and increasingly agentic AI systems now participate in activities such as literature discovery, theorizing, data analysis, simulation, coding, and writing.

This Special Issue (SI) seeks papers that push the boundaries of what can be achieved through innovative, rigorous, and responsible use of Generative AI in the information systems research process. Rather than focusing on GenAI solely as an object of empirical study, the SI emphasizes GenAI as a research collaborator, instrument, and infrastructure.

The ambition of the SI is twofold:

- To publish a small number of exemplary papers that demonstrate novel research capabilities enabled by GenAI.
- To advance shared principles, frameworks, and practices that will shape how information systems research is conducted and reported in an era of human–AI collaboration.

The editors for this SI are [Ahmed Abbasi](#), [Martin Bichler](#), [Ram Gopal](#), [Elena Karahanna](#), and [Suprateek Sarker](#).

Submission Deadline: **September 7, 2026**

Please see the [Call for Papers](#) for details.

MEMBER NEWS

The following ISS members are running for the 2026 AIS Council Officers. The election is now open and will close on March 31, 2026, at 5:00 PM ET. We sincerely encourage all ISS members who are also AIS members to support and vote at <https://aisnet.org/general/custom.asp?page=2026AISCouncilElections>.

- Dr. Yulin Fang, HKU Business School, AIS President-Elect
- Dr. Dongwon Lee, Korea University Business School (KUBS), AIS President-Elect
- Dr. Indranil Bardhan, The University of Texas at Austin, Vice President of Region 1
- Dr. Rajiv Sabherwal, University of Arkansas, Vice President of Region 1

Please find the statements from the candidates as follows.

Dr. Yulin Fang

If elected, I will focus on strengthening AIS's global impact, inclusiveness, and relevance in the AI era. I aspire to foster the AIS community's influence by expanding membership and reach, deepening scholarly collaboration worldwide, and amplifying the visibility and impact of IS research on business and society.

1. Expanding membership size and reach. I will work to establish and grow AIS chapters and affiliated conferences in underserved regions by partnering with local universities, research institutes, and professional organizations. By lowering barriers to participation and supporting regional leadership, AIS can better reflect the diversity of the global IS community and attract the next generation of scholars.
2. Strengthening global collaboration. I will leverage AIS's international network to promote research exchange across geographical, political, and economic boundaries. I aim to foster stronger connections with adjacent research communities that share a digital core, enabling interdisciplinary collaboration and knowledge creation on emerging technologies.
3. Advocating for research impact. IS research addresses fundamental business and societal challenges in the digital (increasingly AI) era, yet its influence can be further strengthened. I will work with industry, policymakers, and societal stakeholders to set research priorities, translate insights into practice, and enhance the visibility of IS scholarship beyond academia.

I am all in for the mission. Together, let's grow AIS into a more vibrant, inclusive, and globally influential association.

Dr. Dongwon Lee

If elected as President-Elect, I will focus on three key priorities to lead AIS toward a more impactful, inclusive, and sustainable future:

First, I will champion "AI Transformation (AX) for Global Impact." As AI reshapes every facet of society, AIS must spearhead the global discourse. I will initiate "Global AX Forums" to bridge the gap between academic research and practitioner needs. My goal is to ensure our research on AI governance and ethics directly informs international policy and industry standards.

Second, I will prioritize "Inclusive Excellence across Regions." Moving beyond regional silos, I will foster more robust cross-regional research and teaching networks. Leveraging my leadership at KMIS and KrAIS, I will expand global mentoring and "Research-to-Practice" grants to empower underrepresented scholars worldwide, ensuring diversity drives our collective intelligence.

Third, I will focus on “Sustainable Growth and Digital Synergy.” I will formalize partnerships with organizations like ACM, INFORMS, and IEEE to create joint initiatives that amplify the visibility of the IS discipline. Furthermore, I will address the long-term sustainability of our conferences by exploring innovative, eco-friendly models that preserve the richness of in-person networking while providing high-quality virtual access to members globally.

I ask for your vote to bring a vision of collaborative leadership and practical impact to AIS. Together, we can ensure that our association remains the premier global home for IS scholars, driving the digital future for the benefit of society.

Dr. Indranil Bardhan

As VP of Region 1, I will focus on a few key initiatives to enhance the global brand and reputation of AIS.

- Develop greater integration between industry and AIS academic activities by conducting joint sessions and programming at our major conferences and workshops. This will include invited talks, tutorials, and joint presentations, by thought leaders from industry, think tanks, and academia.
- Collaborate with leading professional organizations, such as INFORMS, Academy of Management, American Marketing Association, and Production & Operations Management Society, to plan and develop joint sessions at our annual meetings and regional conferences. This will include special sessions where leading scholars from other fields, such as management, operations, and marketing, are invited to give talks on cutting-edge topics that intersect with information systems research.
- Raise the profile and visibility of our flagship journal, Journal of AIS, among Deans and other decision-makers at leading academic institutions, so that it is considered for inclusion in the leading journal rankings, such as the Financial Times FT50 and UT Dallas Top24 journal lists.
- Work with the AIS Council to develop new ways to grow our profession including attracting undergraduate and graduate students into our field, and providing PhD students with a better educational experience during their doctoral programs.

Dr. Rajiv Sabherwal

My engagement with AIS over many years—through conferences, journals, mentoring programs, and governance—has been grounded primarily in Region 1. I also bring considerable cross-regional experience, through collaborative research with scholars and institutions in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region and through AIS roles such as ICIS Conference Chair and Doctoral Consortium Co-Chair. Serving twelve years as a department chair—where I pursued departmental goals while working with deans and other chairs on college priorities—reinforced the importance of aligning people and priorities, managing transitions, and seeing initiatives through. These experiences would help me work productively with Vice Presidents for Regions 2 and 3 and with functional Vice Presidents, while keeping Region 1 priorities clearly in focus, with attention to follow-through and member experience.

If elected as Vice President for Region 1, my goal would be to strengthen the region’s activities and representation while contributing to AIS Council deliberations. I would represent Region 1 drawing on my experience working closely with ICIS and AMCIS leadership, doctoral and early-career faculty consortia, and AIS governance committees. Having served in senior editorial, conference, and governance roles, I understand how Council decisions influence conferences, publications, mentoring, and member engagement within the region.

Overall, my approach as Vice President for Region 1 would be collaborative and service-oriented, with a clear focus on strengthening the region and contributing to a cohesive AIS.