



CALL FOR PAPERS

4th FLOSS International Workshop on Free/Libre Open Source Software

“Business models, social networks and collaborative knowledge development”

GSBC and Department of Economics

Friedrich Schiller University, Jena (Germany)

July 1-2, 2010

Aims and scope

This fourth FLOSS workshop continues along with the tradition of the first three meetings ([Nice Sophia Antipolis - 2007](#), [Rennes - 2008](#), [Padua - 2009](#)). We propose to discuss the many debated issues related to Free/Libre Open Source Systems.

The fourth FLOSS workshop will focus on research with respect to open source business models, social networks, and innovation. Thus, this year we would like to encourage contributions that relate open source business models and the role of firms in the OSS community, the organization of OS development communities and the dynamics of the links between their actors, as well as their capacity to innovate.

FLOSS embraces many dimensions and it is of interest for very different disciplines. We therefore welcome submissions from various fields: economics & management, sociology, law, information systems & computer science, etc... We will consider both empirical approaches (surveys and case studies, econometric or experimental methods) and theoretical approaches (modeling, simulations).

Papers may focus more particularly on the following (non exhaustive) list of issues:

1. **Knowledge flows and network structure:** Analysis of open source social networks and their joining scripts, functioning of open source development platforms, network structural approaches to roles in OS organizations.
2. **Governance mechanism and incentive structures:** Social and technical structures, coordination and division of labour, leadership and conflict resolution.



3. **The role of licenses and of licensing strategies:** Licenses and incentives for innovators, license proliferation and incompatibilities, mixed licensing, reforms in Intellectual Property Right.
4. **Different innovation models:** Open innovation, user innovation, public domain innovation. Project coordination, standards and interoperability.
5. **Commercialization of OSS:** Role of commercial players (e.g. firms) in the open source community, sustainability of commercial OS strategies and OSS business models, degree of openness of firm owned OS projects.
6. **Hybridization and Interactions between open and closed source:** Competition between open and closed source software, mixed strategies of firms (hybridization), as well as co-existence and complementary of open and closed approaches.
7. **Open Source beyond software:** Analogies with social networking, blogging and collaborative knowledge development, applicability of the open source model beyond software code (e.g. open source biology).
8. **Taking stock of the field:** How to combine different approaches to the understanding of open source development (experiments, simulations, case studies, empirics, theoretical modelling).

Invited speakers

We are pleased to announce that the keynote speaker of this third workshop is:

Jürgen Bitzer (Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg)

"Returns to Open Source Software Engagement: An Empirical Test of the Signaling Hypothesis"

We will also have a thematic presentation by:

Rebeca Méndez-Durón (Universitat de les Illes Balears)

"Returns from Social Capital in Open Source Software Networks"

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Submission

- Extended abstracts will be considered, yet a higher priority will be given to full papers.
- Electronic submission (in .pdf format) can be done at floss2010@gmail.com by March 31, 2010.

Important dates

1. First announcement and CFP: November 2009
2. Deadline for submission: March 31, 2010
3. Notification of participation decision: April 20, 2010
4. Deadline for payment of registration fees at reduced rate: April 30, 2010
 - i. Normal rates (before April 30): 130€ (standard) and 80€ (students).
 - ii. Majored rates (after April 30): 180€ and 120€ respectively.
5. Delivery of final papers: June 15, 2010
6. Workshop: July 1-2, 2010 (full days)



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Contact and Website

- Updated information about this workshop will be available at the following URL: <http://floss2010.pbworks.com>
- For any information, please feel free to contact us by e-mail at: floss2010@gmail.com