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Title: Context in IS research: is it relevant in post-humanist approaches?

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Abstract: There is a widely held view that context is a central concern in IS research. However, several theoretical approaches challenge a notion of context as the social setting that shapes information systems, which has been commonly assumed in IS research. Some IS scholars, influenced by post-humanist theories of IS phenomena, consider any notion of context as unhelpful and have put forward anti-contextualist arguments. In this lecture I will examine the challenge posed to contextual research in the ongoing theoretical debates of sociomateriality and ANT.

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