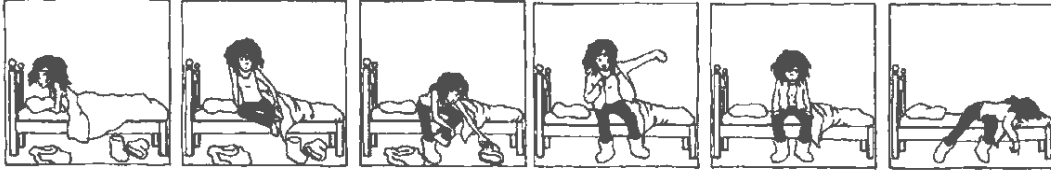A call for papers for the first workshop on:

Modelling Routines

Manchester Metropolitan University Business School, November 25th 2014
http://modellingroutines.wordpress.com

Keynote Speaker

Alan Warde, Professor of Sociology, at the University of Manchester's "Sustainable Consumption Institute", http://www.sci.manchester.ac.uk/people/professor-alan-warde

Topic

Routines, habits, work patterns and social practices are all concepts that to some extend try to encapsulate the idea of behavior that is repeated regularly and tends to occur unconsciously. These patterns of behavior often go unnoticed by the persons exhibiting it, because they do not need to engage in self-analysis when undertaking routine tasks.

This lack of consciousness of people performing routines makes it interesting and challenging to captures them in a computational model. There are two ways of looking at routines: the *ostensive* (how people conceptualise and reason about routines) and the *performative* (what people actually do when performing what we might call routines). These two layers make the modelling more complex.

Nonetheless modeling habits and routines recently has moved high on the modeling agenda, e.g. in terms of modeling the effect of policies designed to change "bad" behavior (e.g. away from non-green habits). Models incorporating he notion of routines and habits might be especially helpful in illuminating the mechanisms underlying the emergence and evolution of these social phenomena and this might give insights on how to change the patterns of what we do.

We invite contributions from all research disciplines that either:
- describe computational models of routines, work patterns, habits, social practices and related concepts, or
- discuss modeling approaches for social concepts such as routines, work patterns, habits, social practices and related concepts
- describe case studies or data sets that would be particularly amenable to their modelling

Format

The workshop will provide a meeting point for researchers interested in computational models of routines with the aim of facilitating future interactions and research (e.g. further workshops, networks, grant applications or focused publications). There will be ample time for discussion and presentations.

Publication

The editor of the Springer Series on *Computational Social Sciences* has expressed an interest in publishing papers resulting from this workshop. This would be for updated and revised papers after the workshop and would depend on there being enough contributions of a suitable quality.

Submission

If you wish to make a presentation at the workshop, please submit an abstract (1000 words max) via Easychair at: https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=modrout2014 by **25 October 2014** in **PDF** format. If you are in doubt about your topic or your ability to attend, please email the organisers.

Location

The workshop will take place in the Manchester Metropolitan University Business School's new premises, travel info at: http://www2.mmu.ac.uk/travel/manchester/

Registration

There will be no charge for the workshop, but advance registration will be required. Coffee and tea will be provided. If the workshop is funded lunch and a workshop dinner might be provided.

Financial Support

We are quite confident about obtaining financial support to run this workshop. In this case, those with accepted abstracts will be eligible for financial support for attendance. More details when this is confirmed.

Important dates

- Deadline for abstracts: 25th October 2014
- Notification by: 30th October 2014
- Workshop itself: 25th November 2014

Organisers

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