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EDITOR’S COMMENTS

From the Editor-in-Chief:

Dear Readers,

Let me open this editorial with some great news. As my term as *MIS Quarterly Executive* (MISQE) Editor-in-Chief (EIC) is coming to an end in December, AIS assembled a nominating committee -- Mary Lacity, Chris Wagner, Federico Pigni, Gabe Piccoli (EIC, MISQE) and Rajiv Kohli (Chair) -- to submit recommendations for the new EIC to AIS council. I could not be more thrilled with the incoming EIC, Iris Junglas. A member of the editorial board since 2012 and a Senior Editor since 2019, Iris has authored six papers for MISQE over the years. She has served as senior editor on numerous papers and was a senior editor in two special issues. Her work twice represented MISQE in the AIS Senior Scholars Best Information Systems Publication Award, winning the award in 2017. Iris’ deep knowledge of the journal, creativity and enthusiasm make her the perfect editor-in-chief to strengthen and improve MISQE going forward!

In this Issue

The current issue has four contributions. The first article, “How Everything-as-a-Service Enabled Judo to Become a Billion-Dollar Bank Without Owning IT,” by Christoph F. Breidbach, Amol M. Joshi, Paul P. Maglio, Frederik von Briel, Alex Twigg, Graham Dickens. The article provides an in-depth case of how Judo Bank became a billion-dollar bank without owning or operating any IT infrastructure. The second article, “How SME Watkins Steel Transformed from Traditional Steel Fabrication to Digital Service Provision,” is authored by Friedrich Chasin, Marek Kowalkiewicz, Torsten Gollhardt. It describes the digital transformation of Watkins Steel, a medium-sized steel fabricator, to become a leader in the provision of digital services. The third article, “How Instacart Leveraged Digital Resources for Strategic Advantage,” was contributed by Ting (Carol) Li, Yolande E. Chan, Nadège Levallet. Leveraging the case of Instacart, the article demonstrates how companies can respond to the challenges of an evolving digital business environment through the orchestration of digital resources. The fourth article, titled “Self-Sovereign Identity and Verifiable Credentials in Your Digital Wallet,” is by Mary Lacity and Erran Carmel. The article is the latest installment in the MISQE Research Insights for IT leaders section lead by Senior Editor Mary Lacity. Following the usual interview format, based on two years of research, the article offers a detail account of the idiosyncrasies of a decentralized and automated approach for managing credentials (i.e., self-sovereign identity). The authors answer pressing questions about the technology, identifying its unique characteristics and its potential for business value creation.

Read on!

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