Design Research creates, builds, and evaluates innovative artifacts such as constructs, frameworks, models, methods, and information systems. It also investigates methods, behaviors, and processes related to design. HCI Research is concerned with the ways humans interact with information, technologies, and tasks, especially in business, managerial, organizational, and cultural contexts. Although design, implementation, and evaluation of interactive information systems for human use in various contexts for various purposes are central parts of HCI research, IS scholars have yet to invest more effort on the design part of HCI. The critical role of design research in HCI is obvious.

This special issue of THCI calls for innovative design research where the innovative artifacts are information and communication technologies (ICT) for human use. Emphasis can be on both the human and the ICT sides of the interaction. On the human side, use design draws from the knowledge base of psychology, social sciences, and human factors. On the ICT side, interface and interaction design draws from the knowledge base of computer graphics, sensory peripheral devices, and other technical areas to build user interfaces that enable effective system use.

Topics include but are not limited to:

- Science and/or theories for design in HCI
- Philosophical foundation of design in HCI
- New principles and methods of design in HCI
- Specific design innovations to support individuals, groups, organizations or societies
- Design aesthetics, emotional design, affective computing
- Evaluating and comparing new interactions and interfaces
- Integration of new technologies in HCI designs
- Best practices of design in HCI
- Impacts of mobility and distributed computing in HCI designs
- Impacts of service-oriented architectures and cloud computing on HCI designs
- Ethical issues of HCI design

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