

**Call for Proposals  
for an International Roundtable on  
“Social Mobile Networking for Informal Learning”**

**21<sup>st</sup> November 2011  
Institute of Education, London (UK)**

The STELLAR (The European Network of Excellence in TEL) Theme Team on “Social Mobile Networking for Informal Learning” (SoMobNet, <http://www.somobnet.eu>) invites paper proposals for an International Roundtable on social mobile networking which will take place at the Institute of Education in London on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011. Participation at the event is by invitation only and free of charge. Places are limited (max 35).

The aim of this roundtable is to bring together international experts to explore educational and socio-cultural perspectives on the use of the increasing convergence of mobile devices and digital media for social networking in formal and informal contexts of learning.

The roundtable will feature two keynotes, a series of paper presentations as well as two discussion sessions moderated by a facilitator and reported by a network member. The discussion sessions will provide the opportunity for participants to respond to inputs from the perspectives of their own research and professional practice. The roundtable will provide opportunity to network with colleagues, learn about each other’s work, formulate collaborative ideas and scope challenges to advance theory and practice in the field of mobile learning and social network.

Confirmed speakers include Aleks Krotoski (Guardian), Gunther Kress (IoE), Sonia Livingstone (LSE), Ben Bachmair (Kassel/IoE), Beat Doebeli (Goldau), Klaus Bredl (Augsburg) and Christoph Pimmer (Basel).

We invite **abstracts** that address the following issues:

- Theoretical analysis of and perspectives on user agency and practices in mobile networked environments;
- Exploring individual practices and community spaces in mobile networked learning;
- New approaches to the design of and research into experiences that incorporate mobile media as personal and social learning tools;
- Methodological models and tools to assess learning in formal and informal contexts through mobile networked environments;
- Learning through a mobile networked environment at the interface of formal and informal contexts in K-12 education;
- Learner practices and perceptions of mobile social networks as contexts for learning in higher education;
- Effects of mobile networked communities on learning by adults in informal contexts and for professional development.

Selected contributors will be invited to present a draft of their paper at the roundtable and subsequently to submit a full paper for a special issue of a journal or an edited book on the topic to be published by the end of 2012.

**Key dates**

Submissions due:	September 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2011
Notification of acceptance:	Week beginning September 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2011
Registration to the roundtable:	October 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2011

**Submission guidelines**

All abstracts should be in WORD format and submitted via email to Maria Ranieri ([maria.ranieri@unifi.it](mailto:maria.ranieri@unifi.it)) and Norbert Pachler ([n.pachler@ioe.uk.ac](mailto:n.pachler@ioe.uk.ac)). The submission should include: name of author(s), affiliation, address, email, an extended abstract (300-500 words), 5 key words.

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