Swimming in and out of the Fishbowl: Interactive Knowledge Co-Construction during Academic Conferences

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Thank you for attending today’s panel and fishbowl discussion on “Visualizing the Self, Gazing the Life: Our Privately Public Self.” The purpose of this session is to explore visualization of the self/private life on social media. We invite you to jump into “fishbowl” and share your opinion.

This fishbowl session is being used to conduct research. The study intends to investigate the effectiveness of the fishbowl method in facilitating dialogues, interactions and knowledge co-construction among researchers with shared interests. There will be a note taker keeping fieldnotes of the discussion that occurs during the session, without collecting any identifying information of the participants. Fieldnotes will be used to reflect on flows and dynamics of the session in a future paper. At the end of the session, we will ask you to complete an anonymous paper survey to provide feedback. This survey will not request name or other information that will identify you. You will also be able to complete the same survey in a digital format at: http://goo.gl/VOz2K1 (A QRcode is available on the survey sheet) You are also invited to tweet at #SMSFishbowl, during and after the conference. The Twitter discussion will be anonymized and used as data in a future paper, too.

Your participation is voluntary and confidential. If you would like your input removed from the record, please let us know anytime before, during or after the session and we will immediately delete your spoken and/or typed words including Tweets from our record. You are welcome to ask any questions regarding this study and review the fieldnotes at any time.

Once all the data are collected and analyzed, we plan to share this information with the research community through conferences and journal articles. If you are interested in receiving more information regarding this study, or would like a summary of the results, please contact us at any time in the future.

The project has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through the University of Guelph Research Ethics Board. Should you have any questions regarding the use and safety of human subjects in this study please may contact Sandra Auld, University of Guelph Research Ethics Officer, at 1-519-824-4120, ext. 56606, or sauld@uoguelph.ca. Thank you very much for your participation.

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