

**AJIS FEATURED THEME:****THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS DISCIPLINE IN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES**

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This AJIS Featured Theme comprises 12 research papers that present a portrait of *The Information Systems Academic Discipline in Australian Universities*. This Australian study is part of a broader study - 'The State of the Information Systems Academic Discipline in Pacific Asia', the results of which are forthcoming in a similarly titled special issue of *Communications of the AIS*.

Drawing on Whitley's Theory of Scientific Change, the papers analyse the degree of 'professionalisation' of the Information Systems Discipline, the overarching research question being "To what extent is Information Systems a distinct and mature discipline in Australia?"

All papers in the special edition have been subject to a three-tier peer review process: Each paper has been initially reviewed by the AJIS editors, feedback has been provided to the authors and revisions made. Then, each paper has been sent to a local (state-based) IS expert for review; the results of this review being conveyed anonymously to the author of the paper, and consequential revisions made by the authors. Finally, all papers considered for the special edition were sent to two further IS experts (international) for global review, with feedback from the reviewers again being forwarded to authors for revision of their papers.

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