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Computational Social Science: Large-Scale Studies of Wikis, Blogs, Social Networking Sites

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Abstract:

Many social interactions that are ephemeral in the physical world are recorded and accessible in the online world. The widespread use of online systems such as blogs, wikis and social networking sites provides a treasure trove of information about human behavior. This talk will discuss some recent studies of large-scale online social systems, and speculate about what these studies suggest about human interactions more generally.

Speaker's Bio:

Daniel Huttenlocher is the Neafsey Professor of Computing, Information Science and Business at Cornell, where he holds a joint appointment in the computer science department and the Johnson Graduate School of Management. His research interests are in computer vision, online social networks, electronic collaboration tools, computational geometry, and financial trading systems. Recipient of a National Science Foundation Presidential Young Investigator Award in 1990, he was named the New York State Professor of the Year by CASE in 1993, and honored as a Weiss Fellow by Cornell in 1996 for excellence in teaching. He holds twenty-four U.S. patents and has published more than sixty technical papers. In addition to academic positions, he has been chief technology officer of Intelligent Markets, a provider of advanced trading systems on Wall Street, and he spent more than ten years at Xerox PARC, where he directed work that led to the ISO JBIG2 image-compression standard. Degrees: B.Sc. University of Michigan, 1980; M.Sc. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1984; Ph.D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1988.

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