Abstract: In this talk, I will provide my thoughts on the current state of MIS Quarterly and a possible vision for the journal for the coming years. In particular, I will describe how the journal’s many strengths can be sustained and how opportunities and risks can be addressed going forward. I will also provide insights from our current work on the MIS Quarterly Special Issue on “Next Generation Information Systems Theories.” Theorizing serves as the intellectual engine of a scientific field, and this special issue aims to provide inspiration and direction for where the intellectual engine of our field is heading. The talk will provide an opportunity for faculty and students to ask questions about the state of MIS Quarterly and the role and trajectory of theorizing in the journal.

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