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"Digitalization for a Better Tomorrow: The Role of Information Systems Scholars"

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Abstract
In this general talk, I will discuss, using an example of digital classrooms in schools that are being envisioned and implemented, some of the benefits and pitfalls of digitalization. I will argue that both the "pro-digitalization" and the "dark-side" narratives in the literature are incomplete, polarizing, and not particularly helpful. Indeed, I believe that IS scholars are in a unique position to offer a balanced perspective and to positively influence the role of digitalization in organizations and society.

Bio
Suprateek Sarker is Rolls-Royce Commonwealth Commerce Professor at the McIntire School of Commerce, University of Virginia. His research, which largely uses qualitative or mixed-method approaches, has been published in many leading journals. He serves (or has served) on editorial boards of a number of journals, including Journal of Management Information Systems and IEEE Transactions on Engineering Management (as editorial board member), MIS Quarterly, Decision
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