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Sala Lauree – Dipartimento di Informatica e Comunicazione

via Comelico 39, Milano

Douglas Schuler

presenta il suo libro

“Liberating Voices: A Pattern Language for Communication Revolution”

ed il workshop Patterns of Engagement – Designing for Creative Intervention

che si terrà sabato 30 ottobre 2010, 9.30 – 12.30

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In recent decades we have witnessed the creation of a communication system that promises unparalleled connectedness. And yet the optimistic dreams of Internet-enabled engagement and empowerment have faded in the face of widespread Internet commercialization. In **“Liberating Voices: A Pattern Language for Communication Revolution”** (MIT Press, 2008), Douglas Schuler urges us to unleash our collective creativity—social as well as technological—and develop the communication systems that are truly needed.

The book, a collaborative effort involving 85 authors, contains the first version of a “pattern language” containing a collection of 136 “patterns” that are designed to help support citizen engagement and positive social change. Using this approach, Schuler proposes a new model of social change that integrates theory and practice by showing how information and communication (whether face-to-face, broadcast, or Internet-based) can be used to address urgent social and environmental problems collaboratively thus providing an intriguing and informative catalog of contemporary intellectual, social, and technological innovations, a practical manual for citizen activism, and a compelling manifesto for creating a more intelligent, sustainable, and equitable world.

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