

## Preface

The iStar workshop series is dedicated to the discussion of concepts, methods, techniques, tools, and applications associated with i\* and related approaches. Following successful workshops in Trento, Italy (2001), London, England (2005), Recife, Brazil (2008), Hammamet, Tunisia (2010), Trento, Italy (2011), and Valencia, Spain (2013), the 7th International i\* Workshop (iStar'14) was held in Thessaloniki, Greece. As with previous editions, the workshop's objective was to provide a unique opportunity for exchanging ideas, comparing notes, and forging new collaborations.

This year, the workshop was co-located with the 26th International Conference on Advanced Information Systems Engineering (CAiSE'14), benefiting from the common interests shared by the workshop and the conference. This was the third edition of the workshop affiliated with CAiSE. As with past editions, we have tried to keep the format small and informal so as to maximize interaction. We held a discussion-oriented workshop; as such the main criterion for paper acceptance in iStar'14 was relevance and potential for raising discussion.

Each of the 26 submitted papers went through a thorough review process with at least three reviews from program committee members. Revised versions of the 26 accepted papers are included in these proceedings. Out of these accepted papers, the eight early-stage papers were presented in the "short papers" session.

Every regular paper was given 20-30 minutes for presentation and discussion. An additional session accommodated short presentations of early-stage work; in this session, authors gave a brief introduction to their work, and then occupied different positions in the room, so that participants could meet them and ask questions and for clarifications individually. The program included a keynote given by Dr. Giancarlo Guizzardi (Federal University of Esp rito Santo, Brazil) entitled "The Inevitable Ontological Commitment or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Ontology". A wrap-up session, conducted as a wall of ideas, concluded the program.

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