Public Lecture Evening
Games and Controversy &
Using Advanced Human-Computer Interface Technologies
Thursday 29th July, 6pm, University of Tasmania

Studying ICT is the start to a rewarding, interesting, and social career anywhere in the world. ICT skills play an increasingly vital role in almost all occupations, and contribute to productivity gains, innovation, and job growth across all Australian industries.

During National ICT Careers Week, information and communications technology (ICT) companies, professional associations, women in IT groups, TAFEs, universities, and state and federal government agencies will show opportunities for young people in ICT to start here, go anywhere.

On Thursday 29th July, the University of Tasmania’s School of Computing and Information Systems will be hosting an evening of public lectures.

Games and Controversy — 6.00pm
Presented by Dr Ian Lewis
Do video games cause violent behaviour? Are games bad for children? Are games a waste of time? Are games really controversial for their content or do controversies arise due to social reasons?

This talk will examine selected games that have been controversial due to matters of violence, sex, drugs, and/or religion and will discuss these issues within the context of historical fears of “new media” as well as the current Australian classification system.

Using Advanced Human-Computer Interface Technologies (HITLab AU) — 7.00pm
Presented by Professor Christopher Lueg
The Human Interface Technology Laboratory Australia (HITLab AU) is a research and teaching facility with strong links to the world-leading HITLab US based at the University of Washington in Seattle (USA) and the HITLab NZ at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch (NZ).

HITLab AU is being established within the School of Computing and Information Systems and adds expertise in virtual/mixed reality technologies to the University of Tasmania. Located physically on the University’s Newnham campus in Launceston, the lab is building collaborations across Tasmania, Australia and the World.

The HITLab mission is to use advanced human-computer interface technologies to unlock the power of human intelligence and link minds globally as a way to empower people and improve quality of life. The HITLab AU will be promote collaborative teaching and research programs with a variety of disciplines (in fact any discipline you can possibly think of) and explore the use of advanced human-computer interface technologies in collaboration with government and industry.

VENUE:
Centenary Lecture Theatre, Centenary Building, University of Tasmania, Grosvenor Crescent, Sandy Bay.

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