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## Editorial

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This special issue of *IJODE* includes the six most forward looking and thought-provoking papers of last year’s COINs Conference on Collaborative Innovation Networks COINs13 which took place at the Universidad Católica de Santiago de Chile from August 11 to 13, 2013. COINs13 combined a wide range of interdisciplinary fields such as social network analysis, group dynamics, design and visualisation, information systems, collective action and the psychology and sociality of collaboration. The six papers included in this special issue combine original, high-quality research that reflects the full breadth and scope of collaboration science and design.

In the first paper, Jorge Fábrega and Javier Sajuria study the emergence of political discourse on digital networks by the example of the ‘occupy movement’.

Gaetano R. Lotrecchiano describes the role and discipline relationships in a transdisciplinary biomedical team by studying structuration, values override, and context scaffolding.

Yoshiaki Matsuzawa, Sayaka Tohyama and Sanshiro Sakai describe the course design to develop meta-cognitive skills for collaborative knowledge building through tool-assisted discourse analysis.

Takashi Iba introduces a novel pattern language of learning, collaborations, and presentation for the creative society.

Stori Lynn Hybbeneth, Dirk Brunberg and Peter A. Gloor show how knowledge worker productivity can be increased through a ‘virtual mirror’ of the social network of these knowledge workers.

In the final paper, Cristóbal García, Marisa von Bülow, Javier Ledezma and Paul Chauveau investigate what Twitter can teach us about organisational learning and leadership, by analysing the 2011–2013 Chilean student movement’s network topology and centrality.

To learn more about collaborative innovation networks (COINs) conferences, speakers, authors and resources visit the website: <http://coinsconference.org>.