

Envisioning Social Robots at universities

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[Talk/Call for Participation]

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Would you like to play with a 1.22 tall robot here in SDU Kolding? Come and meet our robot “Kevin”, an interactive entertainment robot.

This is an unconventional talk organized by the research group Information, Technology and Innovation (ITI), the talk is meant to give you a helicopter overview about what Social Robots are, as well as some examples of social robots already available or about to be, who are they supposed to be used by and where are these expected to be used.

Kevin's Demo

Kevin is ITI group's research robot, in the session I will demonstrate what it can do, how do you interact with it, and how you can do motion and sound capture just by pressing a button and moving its arms and head while speaking what you want the robot to say, then you can play this back by the press of another button, very simple. The robot can also be controlled by the use of an app installed in your smart phone.

The idea is to motivate you to borrow the robot for a couple of hours, play with it, and use your innovative imagination to make suggestions about what social robots should do at a university like ours, by simply making a small video with your mobile of Kevin moving and talking around to students and visitors of the university, something similar to the video(s) here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rs1GhTRt-a0>

Whether do you attend to the talk or not, you can borrow Kevin the robot for a couple of hours from Pernille's and Rikke's office at the 5th floor, you just need to handle it carefully, return it to the office and upload your video to this dropbox folder:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0gn6iyomyaqm6bt/AACtr22eVgiaF4cJ3T7Mu9npa?dl=0>

[NOTE: Kevin is a research tool and will be available to students ONLY this and next week]