

John Thangarajah is an Associate Professor at the School of Computer Science and Information Technology, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia. He received both his BSc (Hons) (2000) in computer science and his PhD (2004) from RMIT University, Australia.

John has made his research contributions to the AAMAS community in two main areas: Agent Oriented Software Engineering and Goal-based reasoning. In the former, he has been part of the development of the Prometheus design methodology and the supporting tool PDT (Prometheus Design Tool) which is well known in the AOSE community. In 2005, he was part of the team that won the best demo award. In the latter, he has published extensively at AAMAS on goal-based reasoning mechanisms, such as detecting conflicts, synergies, aborting, suspending and resuming, goal preferences, and others.

John has been a regular at AAMAS since the first in 2002 and has attended all but one. He has also published at every AAMAS except for one. He has served on the organizing committee for AAMAS on several occasions, most recently as program co-chair of AAMAS 2016. In 2010 he was the Doctoral Consortium co-chair and in 2012, the co-chair of the Innovative Applications track. In addition he was also co-chair of the workshop ProMAS in 2009. He has also served as a PC member for AAMAS since 2006, and SPC in 2011 and 2013.

Given his strong focus on developing intelligent systems, including work with industry partners, if elected, John will represent the engineering multi agent systems group within the community. His focus is on engineering applications that are both innovative and practical. John would seek to strengthen the involvement and representation at AAMAS of applications and of industry presence.