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The models that predict constructs of individuals' acceptance are predominantly based on pre-adoption intention and behaviour rather than post-adoption. Although within the field of Information Systems (IS) a number of continuance models have been developed and tested for efficacy the capabilities of these models are limited because its underlying conceptualization of predicting acceptance behaviour underestimated social related influences. The lack of social related influences in continuance participation models affects the sustainability of online communities. Moreover, many online communities that spring up fail due to the limitation and lack of attention given for social needs of individuals. To overcome the mentioned limitations, a Continuance Participation Model (CPM) for online communities is presented and evaluated. The model attempted to define the relationship between the Theories of Planned Behaviour (TPB) and Social Support (SST) alongside satisfaction and perceived value constructs towards the continuance participation intention and behaviour of online communities. The constructs contributing to the model is identified based on extensive literature review and Average Congruency Percentage (ACP) verified and validated by three panels of experts. This study is established on a positivist approach in which a quantitative methodology is used to investigate the correlational paths. Using a probability sampling method, data was collected from 385 users of social networking sites (SNSs) with a minimum of two years of experience. Hypothetical relationships were examined using Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) based on the Partial Least Squares (PLS). The study findings indicate that the CPM achieved an acceptable fit with the data and specifically 9 out of 10 hypotheses were met. The empirical evidence also reveals that social support constructs measured by informational and emotional support exert significant effects on the intention and behaviour as well as exerts positive effects on perceived value and the intention to continue

participating in online communities. Subsequently, this research introduces an Implementation framework (IF) to evaluate the sustainability of online communities. The appropriateness and importance of the components in the IF are validated by four experts from the academia and industry. Based on these findings, a prototype called Online Communities Checklist Tool (OC²T) is developed and evaluated. A user acceptance test using the Perceived Usefulness and Ease of Use (PUEU) instrument conducted with fifteen developers' demonstrated overall feasibility and acceptability of the prototype. Results further reveal that the OC²T is beneficial in evaluating the sustainability of online communities. Finally, this study develops research in online communities by proposing social constructs from a social psychology theory in increasing our understanding on continuance participation models in online communities.

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Model yang meramalkan faktor penerimaan individu kebanyakannya berdasarkan niat pra-penggunaan dan tingkah laku dan bukannya selepas diterima pakai. Dalam bidang Sistem Maklumat (IS), beberapa model telah dibangunkan dan diuji namun keupayaan model ini masih terhad kerana ramalan penerimaan tingkah laku tidak menitikberatkan pengaruh sosial. Dalam pada itu, kekurangan pengaruh sosial dalam rangka kerja penyertaan berterusan mengakibatkan pengekalan komuniti atas talian. Pada masa yang sama, kekurangan penyelidikan empirikal berasaskan teori untuk niat selepas penggunaan dan tingkah laku memberi kesan kepada pengekalan komuniti atas talian. Selain itu, banyak komuniti atas talian yang dibina tidak kekal kerana kurangnya perhatian diberikan kepada keperluan sosial individu. Untuk mengatasi jurang yang dinyatakan, Model Komuniti Atas Talian (CPM) untuk komuniti atas talian dibentangkan dan dinilai. Model ini bertujuan mengkaji hubungan antara faktor-faktor Teori Tingkahlaku Dirancang (TPB), Sokongan Sosial (SST), kepuasan dan nilai diterima ke arah niat penyertaan berterusan dan tingkah laku komuniti atas talian. Faktor-faktor yang menyumbang kepada model ini dikenal pasti berdasarkan kajian literatur yang menyeluruh dan Purata Keselarasan Peratus (ACP) yang disahkan oleh tiga panel pakar. Kajian ini ditubuhkan menggunakan pendekatan positivist di mana metodologi kuantitatif digunakan untuk mengkaji hubungan korelasi antara faktor. Dengan menggunakan kaedah persampelan kebarangkalian, data dikumpulkan daripada 385 pengguna laman rangkaian sosial (SNSs) yang mempunyai sekurang-kurangnya dua tahun pengalaman. Hubungan hipotesis telah diperiksa menggunakan Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) berdasarkan Partial Least Squares (PLS). Penemuan kajian menunjukkan bahawa 9 daripada 10 hipotesis yang dihipotesiskan telah dicapai oleh CPM. Bukti kajian empirikal juga mendedahkan bahawa faktor sokongan sosial yang diukur dari segi sokongan maklumat dan emosi memberikan kesan positif ke atas niat,

tingkah laku dan nilai diterima untuk individu terus mengambil bahagian dalam komuniti atas talian. Sejurus itu, kajian ini memperkenalkan Model Penyertaan Berterusan (IF) untuk mengukur tahap pengekaln komuniti atas talian. Kesesuaian dan kepentingan komponen dalam rangka kerja yang dicadangkan disahkan oleh empat pakar dari bidang akademik dan industri. Berdasarkan penemuan kajian, prototaip yang dipanggil Senarai Semak Komuniti Atas Talian (OC²T) telah dibangunkan dan dinilai. Ujian penerimaan pengguna menggunakan instrumen manfaat dan kemudahan penggunaan (PUEU) yang dijalankan dengan lima belas pembangun laman web menunjukkan prototaip yang dibina dalam tahap realistik dan memuaskan. Seterusnya dapatan kajian juga menunjukkan bahawa OC²T bermanfaat dalam mengukur pengekaln komuniti atas talian. Akhir sekali, kajian ini juga menyumbang kepada penyelidikan komuniti atas talian dengan mencadangkan faktor-faktor dari teori psikologi social dalam meningkatkan pengetahuan dan penerimaan kita terhadap komuniti atas talian dalam model penyertaan berterusan.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACP	Average Congruency Percentage
ATT	Attitude
AVE	Average Variance Extracted
CA	Cronbach Alpha
CPB	Continuance Participation Behaviour
CPI	Continuance Participation Intention
CPM	Continuance Participation Model
CR	Composite Reliability
DTPB	Decomposed Theory of Planned Behaviour
ECM	Expectation Confirmation Model
F2	Effect Size
IF	Implementation Framework
IPMA	Importance-Performance Map Analysis
IS	Information Systems
OC2T	Online Community Checklist Tool
PBC	Perceived Behavioural Control
PLS	Partial Least Squares
PUEU	Perceived Usefulness and Ease of Use
PV	Perceived Value
Q2	Predictive Relevance
R2	Coefficient of Determination
SAT	Satisfaction
SC	Social Support

SEM	Structural Equation Modeling
SN	Subjective Norms
SNS	Social Networking Sites
SST	Social Support Theory
TAM	Technology Acceptance Model
TPB	Theory of Planned Behaviour
TRA	Theory of Reasoned Action
UTAUT	Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Social commerce, a new stream in e-commerce is an emerging platform with the increased popularity of Social Networking Sites (SNSs) such as the Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, wikis and micro blogging (Liang *et al.*, 2011; Hajli and Khani, 2013a; Huang and Benyoucef, 2013b). With the massive evolvement of the internet, Web 2.0 instances hold great potential in reshaping the way consumers interact online. Web 2.0 is described as web pages that uses a two-way stream of communication that connects users, allowing them to socialize online (Evans, 2008) and share their own user-generated content (Lefebvre, 2007). Web 2.0 technologies has enabled individuals to develop and nourish relationships in detached social communities, to create and extend networks, and to produce combined effort through a collective interaction patterns of users (Granovetter, 1983). Additionally, these social interactions are deemed significant in promoting and ensuring the successful operation of online community sites (Corrocher, 2011).

Prior research suggests that in the next generation of online businesses, online communities play a pertinent role in attracting new customers (Bagozzi and Dholakia, 2002c; Ridings and Gefen, 2004). In fact, in the recent era the emergence of social commerce and its co-create environment has changed the passive behaviour of users to become active content creators on the internet (Hajli, 2012). With more and more people connecting through online communities, there is a huge need to study on online communities from the intention and behavioral perspectives. This study is crucial and has become a key research area in the Information Systems (IS) field (Bhattacharjee, 2001b; Bhattacharjee and Premkumar, 2004) with past research reporting on sites failing to retain operation due to lack of value these sites impart to the online communities (Bettoni *et al.*, 2007).

Investigating on continuance participation is focal because the social values and potential of online communities cannot be realized without users' ongoing participation (Jina *et al.*, 2010). At the same time, the sustainability and operability of the websites are highly dependent on the continuance usage and engagement of its own users (Al-Debei *et al.*, 2013). In IS however, research studies embarking upon different information technology widely covers aspects related to pre-adoption rather than post-adoption (Karahanna *et al.*, 1999; Hsu *et al.*, 2007; Al-Debei *et al.*, 2013).

Statistically reporting, site rankings provided by Alexa.com show that three of the world's ten most heavily trafficked websites are SNSs which include Facebook and Twitter. Other forecasts predict that social media sites will earn \$14.9 billion in revenue in 2012 and \$29.1 billion in 2015 (Gartner, 2011) mostly through advertising. SNSs depend on expanding their user bases to increase revenue and profits and thus identification of constructs that influence users' intention and behaviour to adopt and continuously use a particular SNS is a critical issue.

1.2 Problem Statement

Literature has reported that the lack of attention given for social related constructs influence the sustainability of online communities (Nolker and Zhou, 2005; Al-Debei *et al.*, 2013; Hajli, 2014; Tsai and Bagozzi, 2014). Past research has also reported that evidence on sustained use of online communities is scarce (Jin *et al.*, 2010a; Corrocher, 2011; Akwesi and Lekhanya, 2014). Additionally, many online communities have been reported to spring up but not surviving (Akwesi and Lekhanya, 2014) with past research also reporting on failing sites due to the limitation of social values imparted to online communities (Bettoni *et al.*, 2007). Although there are a handful of IS continuance models developed and used for IS systems, there is a lack of specific continuance model emphasizing on social related constructs for online community sites (Al-Debei *et al.*, 2013; Hajli, 2014). The social related constructs, a key determinant of online communities is a limitation that needs to be addressed (Hajli *et al.*, 2015). In addition, lack of guidelines in the development of online community sites in ensuring continuance participation and the sustainability of online communities are vital issues to online community developers (Al-Debei *et al.*, 2013; Hajli, 2014) that needs to be addressed. This is evident because documents reporting on the development or the design of popular social networks are yet to be published (Akhgar, 2013). With thousands of social networks springing up it is crucial to establish a guideline for ensuring the sustainability of online communities (Al-Debei *et al.*, 2013).

Therefore, answering to the following research questions was an apparent motivation for this research to be conducted:

- i. What are the constructs that influence the intention and behaviour to continue using online communities?
- ii. How to ensure the sustainability of online communities?

1.3 Research Objectives

The main objective of this research is to identify constructs influencing the intention and behaviour to continue participating in online communities. Thus it hopes to achieve the following objectives:

- i. To analyse the constructs that influence the intention and behaviour to continue participating in online communities
- ii. To propose a continuance participation model for evaluating the sustainability of online communities

1.4 Scope of Study

This research was conducted on the basis of developing a theoretical model to explain online communities' continuance participation intention and behavior in SNSs. The foundations of the constructs proposed for the theoretical framework are based on the literature study, analysis on the existing SNSs as well as expert reviews.

The context of this study is based on established SNSs such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Google+. The overwhelming responses in the adoption rate of these sites make this phenomenon worth investigating.

This study is based on empirical research and focuses on respondents with experience using the SNSs. The proposed framework is then validated by a prototype to evaluate the sustainability of online communities.

1.5 Significance of Study

This study has made the following contributions:

1.5.1 Theoretical Contribution

- i. The model proposed in this study contributes to the online community literature as a theory model by grounding the intention and behavioural constructs
- ii. The addition of the social support constructs; informational and emotional, satisfaction and perceived value constructs contribute by improving the standard theory of planned behaviour constructs in driving continuance participation in online communities

1.5.2 Practical Contribution

- i. The proposed model aids developers to focus on pertinent constructs required for continuance engagement of online communities
- ii. The proposed model also serves as a guideline for evaluating the sustainability of online communities

1.6 Organization of Thesis

This study comprises of nine chapters. A brief description of each chapter is presented as follows:

Chapter 1 presents the overview and background of the research. Particularly, it presents the problem statement, research objectives, research scope and significance of the study.

Chapter 2 details out the literature review undertaken for the purpose of this research which comprises of online communities, related models on information systems continuance participation as well as related models on online communities and highlights the research gap in the online community research.

Chapter 3 explains the methodology and data analytical techniques carried out in this study. This chapter is established on positivism research approach, quantitative method and survey design. The methodology of this study is also discussed.

Chapter 4 discusses the development of the hypothesized model which includes the structural and measurement model. This chapter also discusses the pilot study findings.

Chapter 5 presents the in-depth analysis of the empirical evaluation of the theoretical model. Specifically, it describes the assessment of measurement and structural model, blindfolding and predictive relevance of model using the Partial Least Square (PLS) of Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) approach.

Chapter 6 discusses on the implementation of the proposed model. This includes the mapping of the hypothesized model with the measures and continuance participation analysis process.

Chapter 7 illustrates the prototype design with detailed steps involved in the development which includes the initial analysis, functional specifications, prototype construction and prototype implementation followed by the evaluation involved in the testing of the prototype using the system usability scale.

Chapter 8 presents detailed discussion on the findings of this study. This includes the significance of the relationships between proposed constructs, evaluation of proposed model and implementation framework, prototype and summary of results.

Chapter 9 presents the theoretical and practical contributions of this research. Directions for future work based on the limitations are also addressed in the present study.

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