Enriching Social Human-Robot Interaction Using Episodic Memory

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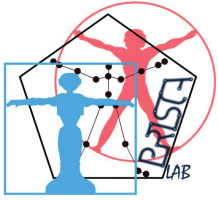
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Teena Hassan is a passionate researcher in the field of Social Robots. She completed her BSc in Computer Science and Engineering in Kochi (India). One of her main research objectives has always been to improve people's Quality of Life through the development of new technologies, with a special focus on users with special needs. This brought her to Bonn-Rhine-Sieg University (Germany) where she obtained an MSc in Autonomous Systems. Teena's dissertation, titled "Dynamic facial expression estimation by means of model fitting", was awarded the prize for the best MSc female student dissertation and the DAAD annual prize for the best international student. After her graduation, she joined the Fraunhofer Institute for Integrated Circuits in Erlangen (Germany) where she continued her work on automatic facial expression analysis. Her collaboration with the Fraunhofer Institute continued throughout her Ph.D. at the University of Bamberg (Germany). She completed her Ph.D. in May 2020 and is now a post-doc researcher at the Social Cognitive Systems Group led by Professor Stefan Kopp, where she is working on interaction architectures for social robots within the project VIVA. She is also lecturing on behavioural signal processing at Bielefeld University.

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