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## Seminario

## Using the cultural probe methodology to help design assisted living technologies 'in the wild'

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There is growing interest in assisted living technologies to support independence at home. Such technologies should ideally be designed 'in the wild' i.e. taking account of how real people live in real homes and communities. The ATHENE (Assistive Technologies for Healthy Living in Elders: Needs Assessment by Ethnography) project sought to illuminate the living needs of older people and facilitate the co-production with older people of technologies and services. Pursuing ethnography in domestic settings raises practical and ethical challenges. Cultural probes offer a relatively unobtrusive way of providing insight into how technology could fit (and why it sometimes does not fit) into a particular home environment. This presentation will introduce the cultural probe method and describe how it was used as part of the ATHENE project.

Il seminario si terrà in lingua inglese

## Lunedì 8 giugno 10.30 - 13.30 Aula 7 - Plesso S. Agostino

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