Professor Kristina Höök

Kristina Höök is a full Professor in Interaction Design at Royal Institute of Technology (KTH). She serves as the director of the Mobile Life centre, www.mobilelifecentre.org, employing 30-40 researchers, working in tight collaboration with industry partners such as Ericsson, Microsoft, IKEA, ABB, Stockholm City Municipality and others. She has a part-time position at Swedish Institute of Computer Science since 1990. Höök has published more than 100 articles in highly renowned conferences and journals.

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