IEEE ETHICS-2021: Engineering and Corporate Social Responsibility

28-31 October 2021 (virtual conference)

ETHICS-2021, IEEE’s annual ethics conference originally launched in 2014, will draw together the global technology and ethics community, including from industry, academia, government, and civil society, to explore ethical issues from technical, multicultural, and societal perspectives. The theme of ETHICS-2021 is “Engineering and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)”; it is timely and important as we approach the second quarter of the 21st century. This year’s conference will run as a track at the 2021 IEEE International Symposium on Technology and Society (ISTAS21), a virtual event hosted by the University of Waterloo and University of Guelph from 28-31 October 2021.

ISTAS21 is the flagship event of the IEEE Society on Social Implications of Technology (https://technologyandsociety.org). This interdisciplinary conference brings together researchers, engineers, policymakers, industry experts, students, and members of the public to foster dialogue about the social implications of technology and importance of responsibility during this period of unprecedented technological advancement. The program will include paper presentations, panel discussions, interactive workshops, networking opportunities, and more.

We are pleased to announce Will Griffin, VP of Ethics and Diversity in AI at Hypergiant Industries, as the keynote speaker for ETHICS-2021; he will be joined at the event by ISTAS21 keynote speakers Ron Diebert, Adam Greenfield, Safiya Noble, and Shannon Vallor. For more information on speakers see https://attend.ieee.org/istas-2021/istas21-speakers/.

ETHICS-2021 Conference Topics include but are not limited to:

- Technology as a Tool for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Technology-centered Corporations
- CSR and Infrastructure Vulnerabilities
- Technological Disasters and Corporate Responses
- Corporate Alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goals
- CSR and Engineering Ethics Education
- Ethics, Regulation and Technology
- Corporate Responses to Climate Change
- Corporate Digital Responsibility
- The Use and Misuse of Ethics Expertise in the AI/Computing Industry
- Social Media, Hate Crimes, and CSR

Submission Guidelines
The ETHICS-2021 Program Committee invites full-paper, short-paper, and abstract-only submissions by the extended deadline of July 13, 2021. To submit to ETHICS-2021, follow the EasyChair submission guidelines for ISTAS21 and check the track indicating “Engineering and Corporate Social Responsibility.” Detailed information on submission guidelines can be found at https://attend.ieee.org/ethics-2021/call-for-papers/.

Deadlines
July 13: Extended Paper Proposal deadline (for all full-length, short-length, and abstract-only submissions)
September 1: Acceptance/rejection notice of Papers
October 5: Final Camera-Ready Papers due

More Information
ETHICS-2021 Program Chair: Joe Herkert (jherkert@ncsu.edu)
ETHICS-2021 Website - https://attend.ieee.org/ethics-2021/