CEPE/IACAP Joint Conference 2021:
The Philosophy and Ethics of Artificial Intelligence

Call for Abstracts

Conference: 5-9 July, 2021
Location: Hamburg, Germany
Abstracts due: October 1, 2020

Keynote Speakers: TBA

Advances in artificial intelligence, partly due to the availability of massive amounts of data, have recently stirred both public and academic debates about the opportunities, but also the risks posed by these developments. While debates around strong AI often appear to oscillate between utopian dreams and dystopian nightmares, developments in the context of so-called weak AI raise more mundane, yet more pressing ethical and philosophical questions. Automated decision-making, crime prediction, facial recognition, or deep fakes: technological advances and the increasing reliance on often opaque software systems raise thorny questions. The recent controversies around Covid-19 tracing or so-called immunity apps may serve as a telling example: from issues around surveillance and privacy over justice and discrimination to freedom and (relational) autonomy – the development and deployment of information and communication technologies poses numerous ethical, social, and political questions to be addressed from different philosophical perspectives.

The International Society of Ethics and Information Technology (INSEIT.net) and the International Association for Computing and Philosophy (IACAP.org) are delighted to announce that submissions are now being accepted for their joint CEPE/IACAP conference on July 5-9, 2021, hosted by the Department of Informatics, Universität Hamburg, Germany. The meeting is organized by the Research Group for Ethics in Information Technology (http://uhh.de/inf-eit), chaired by Prof. Dr. Judith Simon (http://uhh.de/inf-simon). The philosophy and ethics of artificial intelligence will serve as a guiding theme for the CEPE/IACAP Joint Conference 2021. While submissions to this broad topic are encouraged, other topics within the field of philosophy of computing and computer ethics are also very welcome.

We invite submissions of extended abstracts for **individual papers** and **proposals for symposia**.

Submission

Extended abstracts and proposals for symposia shall be submitted via
https://www.conferences.uni-hamburg.de/e/cepe-iacap2021 by October 1, 2020.

Individual Papers: Submissions should
    - be prepared for blind review;
    - provide an extended abstract of 1000-1500 words;
    - provide a short abstract of 150-200 words suitable for inclusion in the conference program.

Symposia/Panels: Proposals should indicate
    - the title of the proposed symposium;
    - a description of the topic (500-800 words);
    - the list of participants;
    - the number of slots required. A regular slot for symposia is 90 minutes. In exceptional cases, two slots may be available for a symposium.

Important Dates:
Extended abstract and symposia proposals due: October 1, 2020
Reviews due: November 15, 2020
Paper and symposia acceptance/rejection: November 30, 2020
Final full paper due: May 1, 2021
Conference: July 5-9, 2021

Full Papers:
Upon acceptance of the extended abstracts, full papers of 5000-7000 words are invited for submission. A selection of these submitted papers will be invited for joint submission to a journal, possibly to be published in a special issue (depending on the acceptance of SI proposals). Submission of full papers is not mandatory unless (a) you want to participate in the best paper award (see below) or (b) you want your paper to be considered for submission to relevant journals.

Best Paper Award:
There will be two best paper awards: one for all submissions and one specifically for graduate students. The graduate students, of course, are also eligible for the general best paper award. Please indicate in your submission that you are a graduate student to qualify for the student best paper award.

Mentoring Program:
There will be a dedicated mentoring session in the program where graduate students or junior faculty members can meet with mentors to discuss their research. If you are interested in such a mentoring program as a) a mentor or b) a mentee, please indicate this in your proposal. The availability of mentors as well as the matching between mentors and mentees will be decided upon after the review process has been finalised.

Program Committee: TBA

Fees:
Further details on the conference registration and payment options will be provided later on. While having to cover the costs for the conference, we will try to keep the fees as low as possible. Students and members of INSEIT and IACAP will receive a reduced registration fee.

Website:
All further information will be provided through the conference website at
http://uhh.de/inf-cepe-iacap2021.

E-mail:
You can contact us by email at cepe-iacap2021@informatik.uni-hamburg.de.

Best wishes,
The Organizing Committee