

CALL FOR PAPERS
for a conference on

Ethics, Technology and Identity **Delft, June 18 – 20, 2008**

Keynote speakers:

David Velleman, New York University
Oscar Gandy, University of Pennsylvania
Robin Dillon, Lehigh University

Information technology plays an increasingly important role in society and in human lives. Identity Management Technologies (e.g. biometrics, profiling, surveillance), in combination with a variety of identification procedures and personalized services are ubiquitous and pervasive. This calls for careful consideration and design of collecting, mining, storing and use of personal information.

Access, rights, responsibilities, benefits, burdens and risks are apportioned on the basis of identities of individuals. These identities are formed on the basis of personal data collected and stored and manipulated in databases. This raises ethical questions, such as obvious privacy issues, but also a host of identity related moral questions concerning (the consequences of) erroneous classifications and the limits of our capacity for self-presentation and self definition. Which conceptions of identity are used when addressing ethical issues regarding information technology? How can the concepts of 'identity' and 'identification' be understood from a philosophical perspective when discussing morally problematic developments in information technology? What are the philosophical semantics pertaining to reference and identification which may help clarify ambiguities and ethical issues? How can we arrive at a normatively sound conception of personal identity as a starting point for the study of the ethical aspects of the (information) technology that is shaping our lives?

This conference aims to discuss the theme of 'identity' in light of new (information) technology. Key-note speakers include: David Velleman, Oscar Gandy, Robin Dillon.

The conference will be held in Delft/The Hague in June 2008.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Authors should submit an electronic version of an extended abstract (total word count 800-1000 words). The extended abstract submission deadline is **January 3rd of 2008**. Please submit to: ETI@tudelft.nl. PhD students are especially encouraged to submit.

REGISTRATION

Registration fees and procedures will be posted shortly on the conference website, <http://www.ethicsandtechnology.eu/ETI>.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 3rd, 2008 - Deadline for extended abstracts
February 8, 2008 - Notification of acceptance
May 1st, 2008 - Registration deadline
June 18 - 20, 2008 - Conference dates

Further particulars regarding the conference will be available in due course from the 3TU homepage - <http://www.ethicsandtechnology.eu/ETI> - where further information about the 3TU centre is also available.