

# SPT 2009: Call for Papers

*Converging Technologies, Changing Societies*

## **16<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Technology**

July 8-10

University of Twente  
Enschede, The Netherlands

### **Deadline for abstracts: January 5, 2009**

SPT 2009 welcomes high quality papers and panel proposals in all areas of philosophy of technology. Given the focus of this year's conference, papers dealing with converging technologies and their social and cultural impact are especially welcomed. SPT 2009 will include 14 tracks:

1. Converging technologies and human enhancement
2. Converging technologies and engineering sciences
3. Converging technologies and risks
4. Converging technologies: general issues
5. Ethics of emerging technologies
6. Philosophy and ethics of biomedical and nanotechnology
7. Philosophy and ethics of information technology
8. Environmental philosophy and sustainable technology
9. Philosophy of engineering and design
10. Robots, cyborgs and artificial life
11. Technology and moral responsibility
12. Technology, culture and globalisation
13. The good life and technology
14. Philosophy of technology: general and assorted issues

**Papers** will be accepted on the basis of a submitted abstract, which will be refereed. An abstract must be between 500 and 750 words in length (references excluded) and submitted via email as embedded plain text or an attachment in RTF or WORD (no docx) or PDF format. It should also contain the name and number of the track to which the abstract is submitted. Abstracts must be submitted no later than **January 5, 2009**. Authors will be informed of the decision of the referees by **March 2, 2009**.

**Panel Proposals.** We will also accept proposals for panel discussions, also to be submitted by January 5, 2009. Panel proposals must include a statement of the general topic and an overview of the specific questions or issues to be addressed. In addition, the proposal should include a list of the panelists involved, their expertise in this area, and whether they have indicated that they are willing to participate.

The **SPT conference series** is recognized as the premier international event in philosophy of technology, with delegates from all over the world. Conferences are held every 2 years, alternating between Europe and the United States. **SPT 2009** is the 16<sup>th</sup> conference in the series.

**Organizing Committee:**

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Please look out for our *second call for papers*, early September 2008. It will list keynote speakers, the programme committee, track chairs, and brief track descriptions. Or keep checking the *conference website* (currently in progress) at <http://www.utwente.nl/ceptes/spt2009/>