

Centre for Computing and Social Responsibility

Specialising in the ethics of emerging technologies

Taking an interdisciplinary approach the **Centre for Computing and Social Responsibility (CCSR)** has gained an impressive reputation as a key player in the international research network for the ethical and social implications of ICT. With a growing demand from both the public and government to deliver acceptable ICT, the group is uniquely placed to offer independent expert advice that complements and enhances in-house expertise.

Mission

To address the social and ethical impacts of information, communication and technologies through research, education and consultancy.

Background

The CCSR was formed in 1995. It is the only UK-based centre of its kind. It is recognised worldwide for its applied research expertise. CCSR has established the ETHICOMP conference series, providing a regular European forum to debate the social responsibility implications of ICT since 1995. ETHICOMP is recognised as the premier conference series in Europe and the far east. CCSR has created a website which is now recognised as the world's leading reference site in this field. It is visited by thousands of people each day. The Centre has undertaken funded research for a range of stakeholders including private organisations, professional bodies, NGOs, the UK government and the EU.



Expertise

CCSR is the only research centre in the UK specialising in the ethical and social issues of computing and information systems, offering organisations independent advice that complements and enhances in-house expertise on:

- Privacy and data protection (experience in conducting privacy impact assessments)
- Information and computer ethics
- Social impact of ICT
- Technology assessments
- Professionalism
- IT service delivery

The Centre can support organisations by:

- Looking at ICT issues in new ways
- Creating reputation-enhancing outcomes
- Detecting early warnings of potential problems such as system failure, escalating costs and unethical practice
- Supporting staff development through training
- Reviewing IT/E-business practice, advice on professional conduct

Research Grants and Projects

- Ethics Issues of Emerging ICT Applications (ETICA) EU FP7 project, CCSR coordinator
- Personal Health Monitoring Ethics (PHM Ethics), EU FP7 project, CCSR WP leader
- Ethics Perception Longitudinal Survey of IT Professionals (IMIS)
- SoDIS Research (University of Auckland)
- Doing IT Right (EMDA)
- Local E-Government and Social Inclusion (ODPM, UK Govt)
- Computer Ethics Knowledge Dissemination in Poland (British Council)
- Life Stories of Moral Exemplars in Computing: A Cross-Cultural Analysis (NSF, US)
- The Implementation of Electronic Voting (UK Govt)
- Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (Harvard University)
- Social Responsibility in the Information Age (ESRC)
- Software Engineering Code of Ethics: Developing Professional Codes Electronically (NSF, US)



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Key Collaborations

The Centre has worldwide collaborations, these include:

Academic:

- Harvard University (USA)
- Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (Germany)
- Southern Connecticut State University (US)
- Charles Sturt University (Australia)
- East Tennessee State University (US)
- Meiji University (Japan)
- Technical University of Gdansk (Poland)
- VTT (Finland)
- Technical University of Delft (The Netherlands)
- Rovira i Virgili University (Spain)
- University of Namur (Belgium)

Industrial:

- Leicester City Council