



The Paris Conference on AI & Digital Ethics 3rd edition

Call for papers

The Paris Conference

The Paris Conference on AI & Digital Ethics is a cross-disciplinary and cross-sectoral event welcoming academics from various disciplines and stakeholders in the development of digital technologies from the industry, civil society, and politics. Specialists from the humanities, social sciences and computational sciences are invited to combine their methods to examine the changes taking place in our societies and to steer the development of technologies towards the common good.

The Paris Conference pursues two goals. As a research conference, it aims to advance the state of the art of research on the ethical, societal, and political implications of AI and digital technologies. As a social event, it offers a space for the international community of experts to gather, foster an open dialogue on major issues underlying the development of sociotechnical systems, and collaborate to address these issues.

Important information

The conference will take place at the International Conference Centre of Sorbonne University, Paris, on June 16 and 17, 2025. Submissions are welcome until **March 15, 2025**. The authors whose papers are selected will be notified by April 15, 2025. They will be invited to present their paper at the conference and to publish it in the conference's proceedings.

The conference particularly welcomes transdisciplinary approaches, hybrid methods and cross-sectorial collaborations. Submissions should be academic in nature and oriented towards publication in an academic research venue. **When submitting an abstract, all contributors acknowledge that they are expected to attend the conference in person to present their paper, should it be selected, and agree to provide the organisers with a full version of their paper by July 31, 2025.**

Scope

Academic and industry researchers are invited to submit a contribution from the following disciplines or related disciplines.

- Computational social sciences and humanities
- Cognitive sciences and philosophy
- Ethics and moral philosophy
- Political theory and science
- Statistics and computer sciences
- International relations
- Law and regulation

The focus of this 3rd edition is on the threats to political systems and emerging solutions to rebuild trust for more resilient societies. Both fundamental research with foreseeable implications and more applied

research with direct impacts on public and private organisations are welcome. Proposals should address topics related to this theme and be explicitly linked to one of the four following tracks.

1. **Controlling cyber-influence and manipulation strategies:** The digitalisation of societies, organisations and social interactions encouraged the development of a wide range of strategies to persuade, manipulate and influence individuals and populations. This track welcomes contributions that investigate all kinds of techniques (e.g., persuasive technologies/captology, nudging, psychological conditioning, subliminal stimuli, chatbots) that exploit human psychology and cognitive vulnerabilities to modify individuals' beliefs, behaviours and attitudes at the individual or collective level. Typical contributions may examine the ways social influencers grow and use their influence on social media, the design (e.g., affordance) and psychological mechanisms (e.g., attention capture and distraction) digital platforms leverage to influence users' behaviour, cyber-fighters' strategies to bypass security protocols playing on human vulnerabilities, and sophisticated strategies to influence public debates and political elections. Papers examining practical use cases, documenting emerging techniques or exploring futuristic and high-potential strategies are welcome, as well as those which propose methodologies and metrics to assess the performance of such techniques and ethical frameworks to govern them.
2. **Countering information manipulation techniques:** In the context of rising tensions between populations, information has become a key instrument of power to discredit political, ideological and institutional opponents. This track welcomes contributions that investigate the challenge of informing people in this new era, examining the social, technical, and political challenges to information integrity and exploring novel solutions to rebuild social trust around common references. Typical contributions may leverage or develop rigorous methods to document emerging techniques and coordinated strategies to spread disinformation on social media; examine the psychology and strategic incentives of key misinformation actors involved in such a process (e.g. spreaders and believers); assess the impact of disinformation campaigns on polarising populations or supporting political decisions; explore the social, technical, or political challenges for moderation frameworks for social media platforms, and interrogate the future of journalism in the context of the current information environment.
3. **Exploring the potential of blockchain to renew civic trust:** The continuing erosion of people's trust in their institutions and governments is one of the greatest challenges of our era and many see blockchain architectures as either a way to renew such trust or to transition towards a society where the need for trust disappeared. This tracks welcome contributions that investigate how blockchain solutions could help address the current challenges faced by the AI ethics community to ensure reliance on AI systems and renew civic trust in institutions. Typical contributions may include practical use cases and prospective reflections on the potential of blockchain protocols and distributed governance models, including relevant incentives and decision-making processes, to increase transparency and fairness in the development and auditing of AI systems, to organise collective work, reward contributors and distribute intellectual property, to enable deliberative process and voting architectures capable of contributing to the renewing of trust in our societies.
4. **Rebuilding social cohesion in AI-powered societies:** Social bonds in both Western and non-Western societies evolve as citizens use AI-powered technologies that influence their thinking and behavior. As face-to-face communication erodes, violence in the private and public spheres is left unchecked more often than in pre-digital societies. This track welcomes contributions that investigate the technological causes of societal tension and conflict, the impact of AI design, and the potential of technological solutions for containing violence. Typical contributions may include anthropological

studies of AI-mediated distrust and AI-initiated violence, original AI solutions to encourage peaceful and respectful human interactions, evidence-based techniques to reduce hate speech and de-escalate societal tension, as well as alternative social media technologies that promote tolerance and reflexivity.

Format

We invite researchers to submit a 400-to-500-word abstract in English, followed by a short bibliography (5 references maximum), by March 15, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. CET. Abstracts should be submitted as a PDF file on the conference's website ([here](#)) and comply with [this](#) template. Abstracts submitted via a different channel or failing to comply with the templates' format will not be considered.

Authors of the selected abstracts will be responsible for submitting the full version of their paper (5,000 words, $\pm 10\%$), incorporating feedback from the discussions at the conference. Final papers will be submitted on the conference's website by July 31th, 2025, 11:59 p.m. CET.