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Special Issue: Call for Papers

Ethical Issues of International and Intercultural Information Management

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INTRODUCTION

The way we use information systems is affected by our cultural background, our ethical stance and national considerations such as law and currency. At the same time, the use of ICT changes the way we interact, do business, communicate etc., changes which in turn have ethical consequences. The understanding of ethical issues itself can vary wildly from one culture, or jurisdiction, to another. Moreover, because of cultural and national differences, an information system that works perfectly in one place may not work at all in another, or identical systems may find completely different uses in different cultures. In the same way as failure to adequately consider ethical issues can cause an information system to fail in a monocultural setting, international systems may fail because they do not consider the intercultural differences between users.

This special issue aims to publish papers which analyze the way in which ethical aspects affect international and intercultural issues. Similarly, it is interested in how international or intercultural questions can produce problems which are ethical in nature or which have ethical consequences with regard to the use or management of ICT.

COVERAGE

Papers are called for that address these issues from an empirical and / or conceptual point of view. Possible topics of interest include (but are not limited to):

- differing cultural perceptions of ethical problems
- case studies of ethical issues in ICT in different countries
- the influence of corporate culture on normative aspects of ICT
- the relationship of national and corporate culture on computer ethics
- the role of ethical theory with regards to an internationally acceptable moral use of ICT
- comparison of ethical theories with regards to cultural determinants of ICT use
- the problem of ethical relativism in ICT
- intercultural / international moralities and ICT
- the international or intercultural acceptability / enforceability of codes of ethics
- culturally divergent perceptions of management of ICT
- ethical aspects of intercultural ICT management (e.g. risk management, project management)
- ...

REVIEW PROCESS

Step 1 (optional): Extended Abstract (3-5 pages). Final date: 30 April 2004

Authors who want to check the suitability of their proposal are invited to submit an extended abstract to the special issue editor.

Step 2: Submission and Peer Review. Submission Date: 01 July 2004

In order to facilitate a truly peer-reviewed publication, all authors are invited to participate as reviewers in the publication cycle. All papers will be reviewed by at least two reviewers and the special issue editor. Reviews complete: 15 August 2004

Step 3: Second Review Cycle. Resubmission Date: 15 September 2004

Those papers that were found suitable but require revision will enter a second round of review. Authors will be asked to submit a document of revision, detailing their response to the reviews in addition to the revised papers. Submission of a revised paper does not guarantee publication. Decision on final acceptance or rejection: 01 October 2004

Step 4: Final Submission. Deadline: 01 November 2004

Papers that are accepted for publication should be updated and formatted according to JITIM standards

Step 5: Publication. Expected: December 2004 / January 2005

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Manuscripts submitted for **JITIM** should not exceed 20 pages, including tables, figures and references. An abstract of 100 words or less must be included on a separate page. Name(s) of author(s), affiliations, and short biographies of author(s) should appear only on a separate title page. The manuscript itself should be double-spaced throughout. Main headings should be typed initial caps only and centered. Secondary headings should begin at the left margins. Paragraph headings should be indented, underlined, with text following on the same line. Tables and figures should appear at the end of the text, each on a separate page. The position of tables and figures in the body of the manuscripts should be clearly indicated. References should be listed alphabetically, with name and year cited in text. Refer to the APA Manual of Style for details. Authors should follow the Guidelines for Submission which is available either in each issue of **JITIM** or on **JITIM**'s website at www.iima.org.

Manuscripts, in Rich Text Format or MS Word format via email attachment, can be directly e-mailed to the special issue editor at bstahl@dmu.ac.uk.

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