

# 1st Workshop on Ethics in Requirements Engineering Research and Practice

## REthics 2020

31 August 2020 - Zurich, Switzerland

### RE20 Workshop

### Call for papers

The Software Engineering Code of Ethics and Professional Practice asks professionals to ensure software that does not diminish the quality of life, undermine privacy, harm the environment, or otherwise cause harm - intentionally or unintentionally. Requirements Engineering inevitably raises ethical concerns and questions about the role of human values in software engineering. It is essential to identify these concerns early and to consider them throughout the range of RE activities. Failing to do this will lead to consequences such as violations of privacy and breaches of confidentiality. Similarly, failing to account for the role of human values in RE similarly will mean that implicit values, biases and predispositions will drive RE without being recognized, discussed or justified.

The objective of this workshop is to explore the intersection of ethics, human values, and requirements engineering. Discussions will address the role of ethics and values in RE practice and research, and we aim to identify emerging trends and research directions.

We invite you to submit research papers on Ethics in Requirements Engineering and topics related. The topics of interest include but not limited to:

- Ethics in RE practice
- The ethics of RE
- Human values in RE
- Elicitation of concerns with ethical importance (such as privacy, fairness, and climate crisis)
- Equity, diversity, and inclusion in RE
- (Automated) analysis of ethical requirements
- Compliance and regulatory RE
- Lessons learned with respect to ethical aspects in digital projects
- Ethics-aware requirements engineering
- Research ethics in RE involving humans
- Reporting ethical concerns in RE publications
- Retrieving and storing user data

Aside from research papers, the workshop welcomes industry papers as well. In particular, we are looking for experience reports and short position that provide insights or criticism around software ethics in practice. We also invite journal-first submissions with a brief summary of how the journal paper connects to the workshop theme. In all categories it is possible to submit:

- Full papers (up to 8 pages)
- Short/position/vision papers (up to 5 pages)
- Proposal to present journal-first papers (up to 2 pages)

**Note:** The paper must describe original work that has not been previously published or submitted elsewhere with the exception of journal-first papers. Submissions must be written in English and formatted according to the IEEE formatting instructions.

### Program Chairs

- Deepika Badampudi, Blekinge Institute of Technology, Sweden
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### Advisory Board

- Claes Wohlin, Blekinge Institute of Technology, Sweden
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### Important Dates

*Workshop paper submissions:* Friday, 22th May 2020

*Notification of authors:* Monday, 22th June 2020

*Camera-ready due:* Monday, 13th July 2020

*REthics 2020 workshop:* Monday, 31th August 2020