



The IEEE Technical Activities Board (TAB) Committee on Social Implications of Technology was established in 1972 and evolved into the IEEE Society on Social Implications of Technology (SSIT) in 1982

Our Activities Include:

Conferences

- IEEE International Symposium on Technology and Society (ISTAS)
- IEEE International Symposium on Ethics in Engineering, Science, and Technology (ETHICS)
- Conference Series on Norbert Wiener in the 21st Century (21CW)
- Global Humanitarian Technology Conference (GHTC)
- IEEE Conference on Technologies for Sustainability (SusTech)
- IST-Africa, IEEE CAFE, BuildSEC
- And more!

Publications

- *IEEE Transactions on Technology & Society*
- *IEEE Technology & Society Magazine*
- SSIT Newsletter

Membership: Chapters, Students, Young Professionals, Distinguished Lecturers, Awards

Standards: Ethically aligned standards guidance; development of specific standards

Social Media: Web, Blog, Podcasts, Video channel, Groups

Who We Are

About Us

IEEE and its members inspire a global community to innovate for a better tomorrow through highly cited publications, conferences, technology standards, and professional and educational activities. IEEE is the trusted “voice” for engineering, computing, and technology information around the globe.

The IEEE Society on Social Implications of Technology facilitates understanding of the complex interaction between technology, science, and society, including impact on individuals and society in general, ethics, professional and social responsibility in the practice of engineering, science, and technology, and open discussion of the resulting issues.



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IEEE SOCIETY ON SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF TECHNOLOGY

Understanding technology's power and optimizing it for good



Our mission

To enhance awareness and understanding of technology's complex relationship with society by cultivating a recognized global community that engages with today's most pressing technological challenges and opportunities.

2025 Conferences

Gender and Technology Conference, Kerala, India, 16 – 19 January

IEEE SusTech, Santa Ana, CA, USA, 20 – 23 April

EU Digital Technologies and Policy Conference, Brussels, Belgium, 14 – 15 May

IST-Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, 28 – 30 May

IEEE International Symposium on Ethics in Engineering, Science, and Technology (ETHICS), Evanston, IL, June 6-8

SSIT's Flagship Conference: IEEE International Symposium on Technology and Society (ISTAS), Santa Clara, CA, USA, 10 – 12 September

IEEE Conference on Agrifood Electronics (CAFE), Montevideo, Uruguay, 8 – 10 October

IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology Conference (GHTC), Golden, CO, USA, 22 – 25 October

Building a Secure & Empowered Cyberspace (BuildSEC), IIT Patna, Bihar, India, 1 – 3 December

Technology...

- is a fundamental resource for human development.
- has intended and unintended consequences.
- can be harnessed for the good of humanity and the planet.

SSIT's core message has become the tag-line for the IEEE organization as a whole: "Advancing Technology for Humanity"

Benefits of membership

- Community, networking and mentorship opportunities
- Publication access – new and archived issues (*SSIT Newsletter; Technology and Society Magazine; Transactions on Technology and Society*)
- Conferences: reduced registration rates for members at SSIT conferences
- Volunteer opportunities as author, referee, chapter leader, conference organizer, standards developer, social media influencer, other activities



SSIT's Current Technical Activities Areas:

Ethics/Human Values: considering design ethics, engineering ethics education, the ethics of intelligent systems, professional responsibility, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and the role of engineers and engineering organizations in society. Contact Joseph Herkert (j.herkert@ieee.org)

Gender Equity and Social Inclusion: ensuring that sustainable technologies provide inclusive solutions for communities and individuals, including the development of reports and standards for best practices in energy programs. Contact Reihana Mohideen (ms.reihana.mohideen@ieee.org)

Sustainability: working on sustainable technologies that either have life-cycles of decades or longer, or are renewable, while promoting human welfare and conserving resources. Contact Mei-Lin Fung (mlfung@gmail.com)

Socio-Technical Systems: understanding the role of systems in society, and how they apply in both a technical and societal way, including public interest technologies. Contact Roba Abbas (roba@uow.edu.au)

Universal Access to Technology: reducing the digital divide which separates communities and individuals on the basis of ethnicity, religious conviction, sexuality, gender identity, income, age and in many other ways. Contact Bozenna Pasik-Duncan (bozenna@ku.edu)

Emerging Topics: humanitarian technology; AI and technology adoption; privacy and society; robotics and society; others. Contact Roba Abbas (roba@uow.edu.au)

