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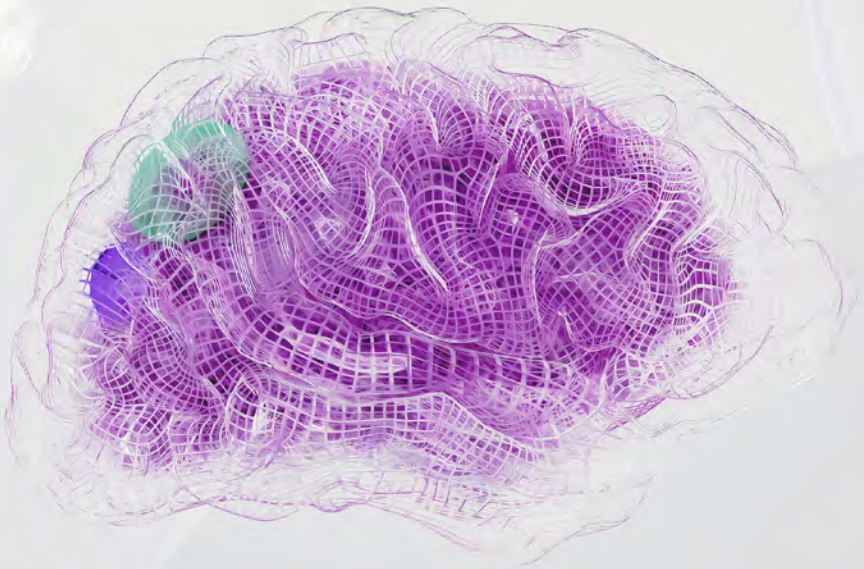

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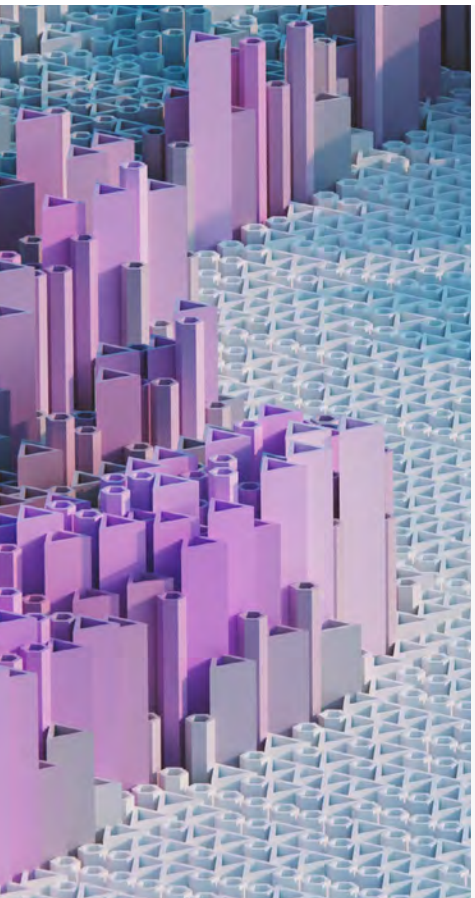

Call for Workshops, Panels, Lightning Talks, and Poster Presentations
Submission Deadline: March 24, 2023
Please submit via this link.

The Public Philosophy Network (PPN) is pleased to announce its seventh conference, on the theme of "Facing Technology: The Role of Public Philosophy," convened and hosted by the Center for Public Philosophy at the University of California, Santa Cruz, September 8-10, 2023. We invite proposals from philosophers working outside and inside the academy to seek socially valuable outcomes.

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Conference events include:

Keynote Address and Plenary Sessions: distinguished speakers on the ethics and technology of artificial intelligence, engineering, social media and public discourse, and more

Workshops: interactive, participatory, and highly collaborative sessions exploring diverse topics and forms of public philosophy

Lightning Talks: 5-7 minute presentations on specific topics in public philosophy or examples of the practice of public philosophy

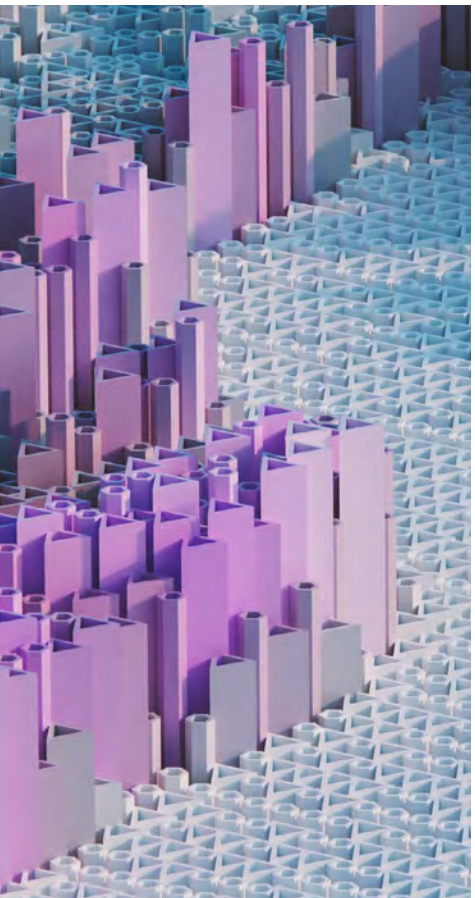
Organized Panels: discussion-based and conversational sessions of at least three speakers grouped around a shared theme in public philosophy

Poster Sessions: poster presentations of topics in public philosophy and/or examples of public philosophy in an informal setting

Philosophy in the Community: an opportunity for off-campus public philosophy engagement

We invite proposals that cover topics

related to technology and philosophy as well as proposals relating to understanding and advancing public philosophy more generally, including those that:



- Examine ethical and metaphysical issues in technology relating to artificial intelligence, surveillance, social media, computing, robotics, and more
- Consider intersections between public philosophy and emerging technologies
- Initiate from an activist tradition and promote civic engagement
- Expand the public forum for philosophy
- Engage a variety of publics through research or policy
- Develop skills needed to engage in public philosophical work
- Strategize about best practices in public philosophy
- Reflect on philosophical problems in the practice of public philosophy
- Explore the history or anthropology of public philosophy
- Question the boundaries and roles of academic philosophy
- Raise questions of how to define, evaluate, and measure the impact of public philosophy
- Bridge classroom teaching and public philosophy activities

Submission Requirements

Submit proposals using this Google Form.
Please note that proposals must be prepared for anonymous review (except proposals for workshops).

Workshops:

PPN Conference Workshops are 60 or 120 minutes, interactive, participatory, and highly collaborative sessions. The goals of these sessions are (1) to engage in skill building or information sharing related to a project in public philosophy, (2) to foster partnerships and projects, whether new or ongoing, and (3) where appropriate, to spark substantive dialogue between philosophers and practitioners (e.g., designers, engineers, technology leaders, policymakers, government officials, grassroots activists, nonprofit leaders, teachers, etc.). Workshops will be limited to 20 participants. Workshop proposals focused on concrete outputs associated with the three session goals will be given preference. Creative and flexible formats are welcome.

Workshop proposals should be no more than 500 words in length. The proposal should include a description of the workshop agenda and specify its concrete goals and outcomes. While not required, workshop proposals featuring two or more facilitators are preferred. The proposal should list relevant qualifications (i.e., training or experience with the subject matter) of each leader and specify the desired workshop length (60 or 120 minutes).

“Lightning Talks”:

PPN Conference Lightning Talks should focus on specific topics in public philosophy or reflect on the practice of public philosophy, broadly construed. These 5-7 minute tightly-organized talks can make particular arguments about issues of public importance, report on central questions relevant to public philosophy practice, or offer insights on specific public philosophy projects such as program design, participants, and relevant outcomes. Accepted proposals will be grouped into conversation-focused sessions, facilitated by a moderator. We highly discourage reading of papers and prefer presentations in a conversational tone alongside, if desired, no more than three PowerPoint slides or other multimedia resources. Lightning Talk Proposals should include the title and an abstract of no more than 300 words.

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Organized Panels:

PPN Conference Panels are 90-minute sessions that group at least three speakers around a shared public philosophy theme, including (but not limited to) book sessions, philosophical issues in public philosophy, or policy problems and how philosophers have or may engage them. Panels should be discussion-based and conversational (i.e., not formal presentations of papers). Panelists may deliver short presentations (no more than 10 minutes each) that engage with each other around a central theme or area. Panels should provide substantial time for audience discussion. Panel Proposals should include the title (including the title of each individual presentation) and an abstract of no more than 300 words.

Poster Sessions:

Poster presentations illustrate scholarly viewpoints, research outcomes, feedback on new and innovative ideas, and/or model ideas for public philosophy programming. Presenters should prepare a poster presentation that will be featured during an informal gallery session at the conference and that will be placed on display throughout the conference. Poster Presentation Proposals should include the title and a poster description of no more than 300 words.

Abstracts due March 24, 2023.
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