

Call for Papers

Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy

Rochester Institute of Technology
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Keynote speaker

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Trust, Accountability, and Online Anonymity

Wikipedia vandalism, Twitter pranks, and hoax blogs are now familiar features of our online lives. A common response to these perceived abuses maintains that mechanisms of accountability are necessary to ensure the epistemic value of internet communities. Some advocate for removing anonymity from online communication. Others demand more investigations into the real-world identities behind online personas. I discuss some of the commonly overlooked pitfalls of such online accountability and show that accountability mechanisms can damage communities' ability to both disseminate true beliefs and weed out errors.

Papers may be on any topic in philosophy, but no longer than 3000 words, submitted via email by April 1, 2015 to Prof. Ryan Johnson (rjgsh@rit.edu). Questions should be directed to him as well. Decisions will be made by mid-April.

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