

**June 28-30 2021**

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Conference

**SPT 2021**

**The Society for Philosophy and Technology**

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**Technological  
Imaginarities**

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## Theme of the conference

Technologies are always more than the sum of their mechanical parts. Indeed, technologies are entangled in symbolic forms of a social and cultural nature. Technologies also contribute to the construction of new worldviews and new forms of life. Technological imaginaries are far more than phantasies detached from technological innovation. They are at the heart of innovation itself, of the invention as well as of the implementation and use of technology in our societies.

Technological imaginaries are embodied in the technologies themselves, as well as in norms and social and cultural practices. Technological imaginaries are often crystallized in scientific and non-scientific texts, documents, sounds, and images. They are always distributed on an axis that goes from ideology to utopia. At times, they serve to defend and strengthen the social and cultural status quo. At other times, they announce state of affairs that are not yet present – or never will be. In short, the notion of technological imaginaries places technologies within a wider world, made of nature and matter, but also language, images, ideas, institutions, symbols, intuitions, and dreams.

## The conference structure will provide

- o Engaging keynote guest presentations with Sheila Jasanoff, Bernadette Bensaude-Vincent, Judith Sutz, Pieter Vermaas, and the career prize winner
- o Later daily starts to help accommodate researchers wherever their geographic localization
- o A general presentation outline of a 15-minute presentation with 10 minutes of live Q&A following
- o Breakout rooms for networking, mentoring, socializing, workshops, etc.
- o An awards ceremony: celebrating the Lifetime Career Award and the two research paper winners: The Early Career and the Graduate Student winners

## New Timeline :

- o 15 Feb: Abstracts for individual presentations and panels due, as well as proposals for breakout rooms activities
- o 1 April: Notification of acceptance
- o 15 April: Papers due for best Early Career paper and best Graduate Student paper (see website for details)
- o 1 June: Registration deadline, winners of the Early Career and Graduate Student papers notified
- o 28-30 June: The SPT Conference

For detailed conference information, visit: <https://lilleethics.com/spt-2021/>

For information about the Society for Philosophy and Technology, visit:

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