



*1<sup>st</sup> Philosophy of the City Summer Colloquium*

## **Technology & the City**

June 11-13, 2018, University of Twente

### **Call for papers**

In addition to our annual conference, the Philosophy of the City Research Group hosts one Summer Colloquium per year. The first Colloquium will be held at the University of Twente (NL).

The aim of the Summer Colloquia is to bring together scholars within a specific domain of Philosophy of the City. The first Colloquium will explore the intersection and interplay between Philosophy of the City and Philosophy of Technology.

While the city and its parts are designed, built, maintained, governed, and destroyed with the means of technology, surprisingly little work has been undertaken on the interplay of technologies and the City or the more broadly metaphysical question of 'Technology and the City.' Some prominent philosophers of the past, like Lewis Mumford, had a striking dystopian view on the impact of Technology on the City. By contrast, the contemporary vision of the "smart city" sets forth the promise to address important societal challenges (e.g., climate adaptation and fighting global warming) with the help of sensors, big data analytics, and 'city dashboards.' Our *Philosophy of the City Summer Colloquium* aims to develop a more nuanced and holistic perspective on the role of technology in city life.

To ensure an intense and in-depth discussion, we will accept a maximum of 20 papers. In addition, we will accept a maximum of 10 posters from PhD candidates and Master-level students. PhD candidates are also invited to submit a paper.

Draft papers will be circulated one month ahead of the Colloquium. Each paper will be presented and discussed in a 60 minute-time slot (30 minutes for presentation, 10 minutes for a formal response, and 20 minutes of discussions). Each participant will be asked to comment on one paper. A limited number of papers will be presented in parallel sessions.

PhD candidates and Master-level students will have 3 minutes to pitch their posters in a dedicated session before the poster presentation.

### *Potential topics include*

- The place of technology in the city
- Technology and the urban / rural divide
- Social justice, technology, and the City
- Living with disaster: Anticipation and resilience
- The aesthetics of urban technologies
- Race, Technology, and the City

- Urban cyberspaces
- “Kill all techies!” High-Tech Companies and Gentrification
- The role of Philosophy of the City in Engineering Education

## **Timeline**

January 15, 2018	Submission of abstracts (350 words, prepared for blind review)
February 15, 2018	Notification of authors, opening of registration
April 15, 2018	Closing of registration
May 15, 2018	Circulation of draft papers among participants

## **Submission of abstract**

Send submissions (prepared for anonymous review) and questions to:

Dr. Michael Nagenborg, [m.h.nagenborg@utwente.nl](mailto:m.h.nagenborg@utwente.nl)

All abstracts will be reviewed by at least one member of the executive committee and one member of the programme committee.

## **Venue**

The Symposium will take place at the Conference Hotel Drienerburgh (<http://www.drienerburgh.nl>). Rooms have been reserved for the participants and can be booked directly through the hotel’s website, once the registration has been opened.

The University of Twente (<https://www.utwente.nl/en/>) is located in the east of the Netherlands between the cities of Enschede and Hengelo. The most convenient international airport is Schiphol (close to Amsterdam). There is a direct train from Schiphol to Enschede Central Station every hour. The trip takes about two hours.

## **Conference fee**

30 EUR	Master students
80 EUR	PhD candidates
130 EUR	Regular conference fee

The conference fee includes lunch and catering. Opportunities for joint dinners will be provided, but dinner will not be included in the conference fee.

## **Executive Committee**

Shane Epting (President), Ronald Sundstrom (Vice-President), Michael Nagenborg (Secretary), and Jules Simon (Treasurer)

## **Programme Committee**

To be established

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