

# Humanitarianism Tech Governance

Special Issue for *Genocide Studies and Prevention*

## Call for Papers

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With the rise of digital technologies and the ability to collect large quantities of data, new digital processes and tools are deployed to tackle the most pressing challenges in society. These new tools and capabilities raise questions about regulations, ethics, standard operating procedures, transparency, privacy, ownership, and power asymmetries. As such, the genocide prevention, humanitarian, and peacebuilding space are grappling with what tech governance should look like to unlock the potential of technologies while still preserving the values and principles they champion. For this reason, we have issued this call for papers to further the discussion and debates about this critical issue, identify case studies that could be modeled upon, and help move the conversation from theory to practice.

In April of 2023, The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School's Peace Engineering Lab, in partnership with George Mason's Philosophy Department and [The Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy](#), will convene a virtual workshop for contributors to share draft manuscripts, workshop their projects, and commit to a shared timeline for revisions.

### To Apply for the Workshop:

- Send a 150-word paper proposal by December 31<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to Ziad Al Achkar ([zalachka@gmu.edu](mailto:zalachka@gmu.edu)), cc'ing Elana Sokol ([esokol@gmu.edu](mailto:esokol@gmu.edu)) and Alpaslan Özerdem ([aazerdem@gmu.edu](mailto:aazerdem@gmu.edu))
- Include a statement acknowledging your commitment to producing a 5,000-to-8,000-word manuscript by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- Non-traditional submissions (up to 3,500 words) such as non-peer reviewed essays or case studies are welcomed.
- Include a short biographical statement about yourself and co-authors.
- Submit all materials in PDF format.

### Process:

- The guest editors will respond within two weeks, informing you on whether your proposal has been accepted.
- Contributors will send their manuscripts to the Guest Editors by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, in Microsoft Word format. Please format manuscripts according to Chicago footnote style,

following *GSP*'s style guidelines available on their website (<https://digitalcommons.usf.edu/gsp/>)

- Manuscripts will be shared with workshop members, who commit to reading the other papers before the workshop and sharing any comments with the authors using track changes.
- During the workshop, authors will present their papers for 10 minutes, with the understanding that fellow workshop members have already read the papers. 20 minutes will be devoted to discussing each paper and sharing feedback.
- Final manuscripts will be submitted to *Genocide Studies and Prevention* for peer review on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Per *GSP* requirements, authors should submit the manuscripts themselves through the *GSP* website. This ensures an unbiased and anonymous peer review.

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**Process:** *GSP* is a double-blind peer-reviewed journal with a rejection rate ranging between 85 to 90 percent. The Special Guest Editors of this special issue are not involved in the peer-review process, and we cannot guarantee acceptance of the article. The *GSP* editorial board will be charged with arranging the peer reviews and will have the final say over whether an article is published or not. Non-traditional submissions (i.e., contributions that will not go through the peer review process) are also welcome and encouraged.

**Papers that do not make it to the special issue:** The peer review process means that the anonymous peer reviewers have ultimate say over whether an article is accepted or rejected. For any manuscripts that do not make it into the *GSP* issue, for reasons of peer review or missed deadlines, we will save these manuscripts for an edited book of workshop proceedings. This edited volume will include reprints of the *GSP* articles, because *GSP* follows a creative commons copyright that gives authors control of their manuscripts (and thus allows for reprints of articles in edited books after 1 year).