CALL FOR PAPERS

Identity and Identification in a Networked World:
A Multidisciplinary Graduate Student Symposium

When: September 29-30, 2006
Where: New York University
Submission deadline: July 5, 2006

Increasingly, who we are is represented by key bits of information scattered throughout the data-intensive, networked world. Online and off, these core identifiers mediate our sense of self, social interactions, movements through space, and access to goods and services. There is much at stake in designing systems of identification and identity management, deciding who or what will be in control of them, and building in adequate protection for our bits of identity permeating the network.

The symposium will examine critical and controversial issues surrounding the socio-technical systems of identity, identifiability and identification. The goal is to showcase emerging scholarship of graduate students at the cutting edge of humanities, social sciences, artists, systems design & engineering, philosophy, law, and policy to work towards a clearer understanding of these complex problems, and build foundations for future collaborative work.

In addition to presenting and discussing their work, students will have the opportunity to interact with prominent scholars and professionals related to their fields of interest. The symposium will feature a keynote talk by Ian Kerr, Canada Research Chair in Ethics, Law & Technology at the University of Ottawa.

Submission Information:

We invite submissions on the function of identity, identifiability and identification in the following general areas:

- Media & communication: DRM systems, e-mail & instant messaging, discussion forums
- Online: Identity 2.0, web cookies, IP logging, firewalls, personal encryption
- Social interaction: online social networks, blogging, meetups
- Consumer culture: RFID product tags, reputational systems, commercial data aggregation
- Mobility: electronic tolls, auto black boxes, RFID passports, SecureFlight, V-ID cards
- Security: video surveillance, facial recognition, biometric identification systems, national ID cards

Please submit abstracts, position pieces, demos or full papers for a 10-15 minute presentation to michael.zimmer@nyu.edu by July 5, 2006. Include contact and brief biographical information with your submission. Notification of submission acceptance will be given by July 17, 2006. Limited travel stipends will be available for presenters. Students in need of travel funds should indicate so with their submission.

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