



## Reading list 2009–10

# 113 The ethics and politics of information systems

The current edition of the subject guide is the 2004 edition. This reading list was last updated in June 2009. Any queries about this reading list should be directed to [externalstudy@lse.ac.uk](mailto:externalstudy@lse.ac.uk).

### Essential reading

You are advised to buy at least one of these key basic texts:

- Baase, S. *A Gift of Fire: Social, Legal and Ethical Issues in Computing*. (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1997) second edition [ISBN 9780134587790].
- Johnson, D.G. *Computer Ethics*. (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 2006) international edition [ISBN 9780131230224]. There is now a 4<sup>th</sup> edition of this book, published in 2009 and the ISBN is 9780131112414.

You are advised to buy at least one of these collections of relevant papers:

- Johnson, D.G. and Helen F. Nissenbaum (eds) *Computers, Ethics & Social Values*. (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 2006) second edition [ISBN 9780130923790].
- Spinello, R. A. and H.T. Tavani *Readings in CyberEthics*. (Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 2004) second edition [ISBN 9780763724108].

### Recommended reading

Additional recommended books are:

- Forester, T. and Perry Morrison *Computer Ethics: Cautionary Tales and Ethical Dilemmas in Computing*. (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1998) second edition [ISBN 9780788156625]. It is advisable to purchase this book.
- Kling, R. (ed.) *Computerization and Controversy: Value Conflicts and Social Choices*. (San Diego, CA: Academic Press Inc., 1996) second edition [ISBN 9780124150409].

Other textbooks, covering parts of the subject in varied depth, include:

- Edgar, S.L. *Morality and Machines*. (Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett Publishers: Perspectives on Computer Ethics, 2002) second edition [ISBN 9780763717674].
- Kizza, J.M. *Ethical and Social Issues in the Information Age*. (New York, NY: Springer Verlag, 2007) third edition [ISBN 9781846286582].
- Weckert, J. and D. Adeney *Computer and Information Ethics*. (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1997) [ISBN 9780313293627].
- Zuboff, S. *In the Age of the Smart Machine: The future of Work and Power*. (Oxford: Basic Books, 1989) [ISBN 9780465032112].

### Further reading

- Agre, P.E. and Marc Rotenberg *Technology and Privacy: The New Landscape*. (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1998) [ISBN 9780262511018].

- Ermann, M.D. and Michele S. Shauf *Computers, Ethics, and Society*. (NY: Oxford University Press, 2002) third edition [ISBN 9780195143027].
- Kahin, B. and Charles Nesson *Borders in Cyberspace: Information Policy and the Global Information Infrastructure*. (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1997) [ISBN 9780262611268].
- Rosenberg, R.S. *The Social Impact of Computers*. (San Diego, CA: Academic Press, 2004) third edition [ISBN 9780125971218].
- Tenner, E. *Why Things Bite Back: Technology and the Revenge of Unintended Consequences*. (New York: Vintage Books, 1997) [ISBN 9780679747567].
- Wresch, W. *Disconnected: Haves and Have-nots in the Information Age*. (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 1996) [ISBN 9780813523705].

## Journals

Many scientific journals contain articles relevant to this subject. The most frequently referenced are:

*Communications of the ACM*  
*Computers and Society*  
*Ethics and Information Technology*  
*IEEE Technology and Society Magazine*  
*The Information Society*  
*Journal of Computers, Technology and Law*  
*Science and Engineering Ethics*

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- The Online library is accessed via the Student Portal at <http://my.londonexternal.ac.uk/>
- For most journals, the username and password you need is the same as the one which you have been sent to use for logging in to the Student Portal.