Call for Papers: Innovation under Fire: The Rise of Ethics in Tech

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Technological innovation and its creators have increasingly come under fire for exploiting people’s data, building monopolies that stifle competition, reinforcing social and political discrimination etc. In the wake of such accusations, and the increasing public protest against the many uncertainties that technological innovation leaves behind, we witness a shift across industries, policy-makers, and scholars to emphasize the importance of “tech-ethics”. So far, this dual trend of increasing public distrust in innovation and damage-controlling attempts to navigate and manage it through the institutionalization and performance of tech-ethics has not been examined in depth.

With this Topical Collection, we invite submissions exploring questions such as, but not limited to,

- How do we make sense of the evocation of “tech-ethics” by different actors in and around innovation?
- Which new forms of ethical and social deliberation are being institutionalized in public and private and local and global governance settings?
- Which problems and deficits legitimize such initiatives to emerge?
- To what, and to whom, are these new ethical aspirations, discourses, and practices responding?

Timeline
October 1, 2020 – Extended abstracts (500 words) – send to guest editors
October 15, 2020 – Acceptance/rejection-letters to contributors by guest editors
January 15, 2021 – First full draft to share with guest editors
March 1, 2021 – External review – to be submitted to SEE, after the approval of guest editors