

Ethics in Linked Data Affinity Group

The Ethics Group is currently on hiatus. If you're interested in re-starting the group as a facilitator or co-facilitator, please get in touch with the LD4 Community Steering Group at ld4-steering@googlegroups.com, which provides support for LD4 Affinity Groups.

Rationale

The primary focus of this affinity group is to call attention to ethical considerations around ongoing and newly proposed work using Linked Data technologies. A core guiding principle of the group is that ethics should be a forethought, not an afterthought, of any initiative as a way to not only potentially reduce harm, but to prevent further harm. The group serves as a space for exploration and discussion of the ethical implications (both positive and negative) of linked data and work towards developing a Code of Ethics and toolkit of resources to provide a critical and ethical framework for designing linked data projects. The group aims to act in an advisory capacity to the LD4 community and beyond.

Motivating areas of work

- Identification of existing barriers to implementing an ethical framework
- Recognizing global and cultural differences on right, wrong, legal, ethical
- Differentiating between decisions and labor around creating and publishing
- Addressing complicated and problematic legacy data
- Confronting potential loss of control as a result of more open and available data
- Respecting the wishes and desires of the creators
- Utilizing new technology in order to enhance current possibilities

Approach

- Project Conveners: Itza Carbajal, Luiza Wainer, Kathleen Burlingame, Hilary Thorsen, Steven Folsom, Alexandra Provo, Christine Smith, B.M. Watson
- Monthly-ish Calls
- Dedicated, open Slack channel in LD4 – #ethicsld <http://bit.ly/joinld4slack>
- Shared Google Drive folder: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1X7ZBtSVTjOKJ7FueRYk2NWdHDQsvg5BK>

Presentations and Publications

[Ethics in Linked Data](#) (2023) pre-prints:

- [Ethics in Linked Data Checklist](#)

Calls

Calls take place on the 3rd Monday of the month at 11 AM PT / 12 PM MT / 1 PM CT / 2 PM ET via Zoom (link can be found in the agendas)

- 2021-09-13 (different time: 08 AM PT / 09 AM MT / 10 AM CT / 11 AM ET) [Agenda](#)

Past Calls

- 2021-08-02 [Agenda](#)
- 2021-07-12 [Agenda](#)
- 2021-06-07 [Agenda](#)
- 2021-04-05 [Agenda](#)
- 2021-03-01 [Agenda](#)
- 2021-02-01 [Agenda](#)
- 2021-01-04 [Agenda](#)
- 2020-12-21 [Agenda](#)
- 2020-11-23 [Agenda](#)
- 2020-10-19 [Agenda](#)
- 2020-09-21 [Agenda](#)
- 2020-08-17 [Agenda](#)
- 2020-07-20 [Agenda](#)
- 2020-06-15 [Agenda](#)
- 2020-04-24 [Book proposal continued](#)
- 2020-02-13 [Book proposal](#)
- 2020-01-20 [CFP/Whitepaper](#)
- 2019-10-29 [Benefits and Contours of Openness](#)
- 2019-09-24 [How to Prevent, Mitigate or Remedy Harm](#)
- 2019-08-27 [Code of Ethics Area of Interest-Privacy, Safety, Well-Being](#)
- 2019-07-30 [Finalize Goals/vision; Wikimedia Codes of Conduct](#)
- 2019-06-21 [Initial Organizing Meeting](#)

