

## Sample work plan template

Topic: ISP liability and user privacy

Issues: A multi-dimensional topic allows for many perspectives and approaches. Identify different research questions while considering the breadth of your topic. Provide a list of your questions and, where applicable, the related disciplines: (the following list is an example)

- Issues at ISP level
  - Who decides ethical standards? (Legal perspective)
  - How are regulations enforced? (Legal perspective)
  - How is reporting accomplished? (Technical and legal perspectives)
  - What counts as ‘information’ in terms of data ISPs would provide? (Technical and legal perspectives)
  - How is information collected, stored, shared? (Technical perspective)
  
- User privacy level
  - Is consent necessary for collecting and sharing information? (Legal perspective)
  - To what extent are users really aware of the amount of information their ISPs collect? (Legal and social science perspective)
  - How can users protect their privacy? (Social science perspective)
  - How concerned are users about protecting their privacy? (Social science perspective)
  - How would reporting this data affect users’ identity conceptions and potentially their online reputation? (Social science perspective)

Potential areas of research: Using the issues listed above, identify possible ways of studying them. Provide high-level details in the working plan and be prepared to discuss in more depth during your presentation Q&A.

For example, if addressing the “what counts as ‘information’ in terms of data ISPs would provide?” how would computer scientists approach this problem? What types of research questions and methods would be used to determine levels of information in ISP data? In addition, how would legal scholars identify ‘information’ in this context? What methods would they use to establish precedent and make recommendations?

Recommendations for future research: In this section, provide a blue sky description of recommended approaches to addressing the broader topic. Consider how the areas of research you identified in the previous section could complement each other to address the multiple dimensions of your chosen topic.

*Notes:* Given the time limitations, these work plans are understandably *not* going to be comprehensive or exhaustive, but are instead anticipated to make a meaningful contribution to ongoing dialogue around Privacy, Identity, Trust and Reputation Mechanisms.