

## News

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### **Wiring the World: The Impact of Information Technology on Society: International Symposium on Technology and Society 1998 (ISTAS '98)**

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Expanded technological capabilities are creating a world in which data, information, and knowledge can be accessed from anywhere by almost anyone, and used for almost any purpose, good or bad. As the tools of such information technologies as the Internet, multimedia computers, virtual reality, and artificial intelligence mature, the implications of these technologies for public policy and society remain little understood. The general theme of ISTAS '98 is to examine and identify these emerging issues.

### **Call for Papers**

Contributions are encouraged for topics related to this general theme:

- Information warfare.
- Intellectual property issues and information technology.
- The impact of information technology on education, schools, and universities.
- Information technology and the workplace.
- Equity issues with the distribution of information technology resources.

Papers are also welcomed in traditional technology/policy areas:

- Environmental, health, safety and

peace-related implications of technology.

- Social, economic, and ethical issues involving energy, information, and telecommunications technologies.
- History of technology.
- Systems analysis in public policy decisions. Research methods for technology-policy analysis.

ISTAS '98 invites significant contributions on these and other topics. Submit a one-page abstract for a paper or poster, or a proposal for a paper session or panel discussion to the Chair at:

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### **Deadlines:**

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