

Welcome to the First International Workshop on Ethics in Requirements Engineering Research and Practice (REthics)

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The software engineering code of ethics asks professionals to ensure software that does not diminish the quality of life, threaten privacy or harm the environment, among other things. Requirements Engineering inevitably raises ethical concerns and questions about the role of human values in software engineering. It is essential to identify these early and consider them throughout the range of RE activities. Failing to do this will lead to consequences such as violations of privacy and breaches of confidentiality. Failing to account for the role of human values in RE will mean that they may drive RE implicitly. Ethical aspects are equally important in requirements engineering research, in particular when humans are involved.

In the REthics 2020 workshop, we explore the intersection of ethics, human values, and requirements engineering. Discussions address the role of ethics and values in RE practice and research, aim to identify emerging trends and research directions. The program has two sessions. The first session features a keynote by Jon Whittle plus presentation of three accepted papers. The second session consists of a panel with three experts discussing the presented papers and candidate questions in the area of Ethics and Values in RE research and practice. In this session, participants will also actively involve in the discussion. Since we have the workshop virtually, we considered two sessions to be a suitable setting for online participation.

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