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## Privacy and Ethical Impact Assessment of Information Technology

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### Abstract

David Wright proposes a framework for an ethical impact assessment which can be performed in regard to any policy, service, project or programme involving information technology. The framework identifies key social values and ethical issues, provides some brief explanatory contextual information which is then followed by a set of questions aimed at the technology developer or policy-maker to facilitate consideration of ethical issues, in consultation with stakeholders, which may arise in their undertaking. In addition, the framework includes a set of ethical tools and procedural practices which can be employed as part of the ethical impact assessment. Although the framework has been developed within a European context, it could be applied equally well beyond European borders.

### Speaker's bio

David Wright is Managing Partner of Trilateral Research & Consulting, a Limited Liability Partnership based in London (see [www.trilateralresearch.com](http://www.trilateralresearch.com)). He is co-editor and co-author of *Safeguards in a World of Ambient Intelligence* (Springer, 2008) and author of *Should privacy impact assessments be mandatory?*, which appeared in the August 2011 issue of Communications of the ACM. He was a partner in a consortium with Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and Privacy International, undertaking the PIAF (Privacy Impact Assessment Framework) project for the European Commission's Directorate General Justice, a 20-month project which began in January 2011. He has been a partner in numerous other consortia and European projects dealing with privacy, data protection, security, surveillance, risk, trust, ethics, ambient intelligence and e-inclusion. He has been in four expert groups for the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA) dealing with privacy, trust, cloud computing and the Internet of Things. He is a free-lance researcher on the faculty of VUB's interdisciplinary Research Group on Law Science Technology & Society (LSTS), and has published many articles in peer-reviewed journals.