

**Ethics Network Training Day
Wednesday 1 August 2012 @ Deakin University Melbourne City**

Internet Research

Suggested Background Information / Reading (Selection Only)

Guidelines

National Statement of Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007)

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines/publications/e35>

[Recommended that your copy of the National Statement be brought to the Training Day.]

Privacy Victoria, Office of the Victorian Information Privacy Commissioner

Info Sheet 04.11: Social Networking

[Provides an overview of how the *Information Privacy Act 2000* (Vic) applies to Victorian public sector organisations using or proposing to use social network services.]

<http://www.privacy.vic.gov.au/privacy/web2.nsf/files/social-networking>

Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)

C Ess and the AoIR ethics working group, *Ethical decision-making and Internet research:*

Recommendations from the aoir ethics working group, 2002.

<http://aoir.org/documents/ethics-guide/>

British Psychological Society

Guidelines for ethical practice in psychological research online, Report of the Working Party on Conducting Research on the Internet, 2007.

http://www.bps.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/conducting_research_on_the_internet-guidelines_for_ethical_practice_in_psychological_research_online.pdf

Published Discussion

A. Beaulieu & A. Estalella, 'Rethinking Research Ethics for Mediated Settings', *Information, Communication & Society*, Vol. 15, No. 1, 2012, pp. 23-42

<http://www.ncess.ac.uk/resources/content/papers/Beaulieu.pdf>

E A Buchanan (ed), *Readings in Virtual Research Ethics: Issues and Controversies*, Hershey PA, Information Science Pub, 2004.

Dag Elgesem 'What is special about the ethical issues in online research?', *Ethics & Information Technology*, Vol. 4, No. 3, 2002, pp. 195-203

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/r258631681723725/>

G Eysenbach & J E Till, "Ethical issues in qualitative research on internet communities", *BMJ*, 2001; 323:1103 <http://www.bmj.com/content/323/7321/1103.full>

Merle Spriggs, "When is unobtrusive observation on the internet without consent acceptable?"

http://www.research.unimelb.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/374683/MerleSpriggs_Obtrusive_observation_on_the_internet.pdf

[Ppt presentation as present to the Australasian Ethics Network Conference, Melbourne, 2010.]

Merle Spriggs, "Consent in Cyberspace, Internet-Based Research Involving Young People", in *Monash Bioethics Review*, Vol 28, No 4, 2009, pp 32.1 to 32.15

<http://journals.publishing.monash.edu/ojs/index.php/mber/article/view/600/615>

M. Zimmer "But the data is already public": on the ethics of research in Facebook, *Ethics and Information Technology*, Vol. 12, No. 4, 2010, pp. 313-325

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/q1v7731u26210682/?MUD=MP> and

<http://michaelzimmer.org/2009/06/18/draft-paper-but-the-data-is-already-public/>

Journals, Resources and Blogs

International Journal of Internet Research Ethics

<http://ijire.net/index.html>

Issues to Date: 2008, 2009, 2010 [*perhaps the 2010 issue may be worth checking first*]

eResearch Ethics

(A collaboration between the Directorate for Digital Social Research at Oxford University and the Virtual Knowledge Studio for the Humanities and Social Sciences in Amsterdam)

Several linked articles at: <http://eresearch-ethics.org/position/>

Internet Research

Ethics, Digital Library, Resource Centre, and Commons

<http://internetresearchethics.org/>

(... a resource providing information related to ethical issues arising from the conduct of research in online environments. ... A Digital Library provides access to a large collection of scholarly articles dealing with these issues. ... This resource is also home to a social commons which will assist faculty and students across a wide variety of disciplines to conduct ethical research online.)

Internet Research Ethics Blog

<http://ethicsportfolio.blogspot.com.au/>

Privacy Statements

Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/help/privacy>

Psychsurveys

<http://www.psychsurveys.org/help?pagenum=11&go=privacyIRB#privacyIRB>

SurveyMonkey

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/mp/policy/privacy-policy/>