History and Philosophy of Computing (HaPoC) Conference: Call for Papers

Submissions are open for the 8th edition of the History and Philosophy of Computing (HaPoC) Conference that will take place on December 17-19 2025 at RWTH Aachen University (Germany) on behalf of the DHST/DLMPST Commission for the History and Philosophy of Computing (HaPoC).

Important dates:
- Submission deadline: May 25, 2025
- Notification of acceptance/rejection: July 31, 2025
- Conference: December 17-19, 2025

Conference website: https://khk.rwth-aachen.de/event/hapoc-2025-conference/
HaPoC website (with links to past conferences): https://hapoc.org/

About the conference:
Since 2011, the biennial History and Philosophy of Computing (HaPoC) conference series has contributed to building an interdisciplinary community and environment to address the various facets of computing and computing technology. HaPoC aims to bring together scholars from a broad range of disciplines to discuss the past and present cultures, practices and images of computing.

We welcome contributions from researchers from different disciplinary backgrounds, such as history, philosophy, sociology, computer science and software engineering, cultural and media studies, computational sciences, design and art. We invite contributors to share their expertise in respective areas and openly engage in interdisciplinary discussions. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Historical and philosophical dimensions of computing practices
- Social and cultural aspects of computing
- Computing and the arts
- New forms of computing, such as neuromorphic computing
- Ethical and legal aspects of computing
- Reflecting and historicizing AI

We look forward to submissions by scholars from all career stages and aim at diversity of participants in terms of demographics that include gender, career stage/track, geographical location, and institutional affiliation.

Submission procedure:

Please submit to hapoc2025@khk.rwth-aachen.de a 2-page proposal in PDF format containing:

- an anonymized abstract (1 page, ca. 700 words) for double-blind review
- a max. 1-page statement of your name, affiliation, research focus, academic activities and optionally publications (max. 5).

Acceptance notifications will be sent by July 31, 2025.

There are no conference fees and travel grants will be offered to early career scholars, further information will follow.

We look forward to meeting you at HaPoC-8 in Aachen!

Confirmed Keynote Speakers:

Robin K. Hill, University of Wyoming, US

Alexandre Hocquet, Université de Lorraine, France

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