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Introduction

The following report presents the aims and plans for establishing the SOURCE Journal *Security, Society and Technology* (originally called Technology, Security & Society in the description of work). The report outlines the aims and scope of the journal and presents the chosen format and technical aspects. The editorial management structure and plan is further outlined, and ends with an example for the composition of the first issue.



Security, Society and Technology

An inter-sectoral journal

1. Editorial Aims and Scope

Security, Society and Technology (SST) will be a hybrid scientific/trade/policy journal that in accessible language seeks to bridge the gap and improve communication between the users, practitioners, providers and scholars of security technology of relevance for societal security. It will provide information, documentation, updates and reviews of activities and issues of relevance to societal security, including legal and regulatory matters, policy developments, technological innovation, and the evolution of societal and political ideas. It will host dialogues and debates and provide limited space for scholarly analysis. Contributors will be invited to address political, ethical and societal issues raised by existing and emerging security technologies and solutions developed in response to contemporary security challenges.

Security, Society and Technology will aim to be a resource and forum for current affairs and ongoing debates about the enhancement of societal resilience through security technologies. *Security, Society and Technology* will welcome submissions from across the academic disciplines, policymakers, experts and representatives of the security industry in several thematic areas. It will position itself as essential reading for policy makers, practitioners, industry officials and technology entrepreneurs, academics and students, national legislators, end-users as well as journalists and well-informed and engaged citizens.

The journal will be set up as a joint-venture between SOURCE and the Nordic Centre for Security Technologies and Societal Values (NordSTEVA). Like SOURCE, NordSTEVA has as its primary aim to create links between ideas, activities and people in the Scandinavian context, developing and testing the limits of the divide supposed to prevail between Northern models of societal security and models that can be found in other parts of Europe or the rest of the world.

2. Format

The journal will be an Open Access, online-only 'e-journal'. At start-up, it will publish 3 issues per year with a balanced research-based, documentation and reporting function. Each issue will contain one or more peer-reviewed scholarly article and at least one documentary article from each non-academic sector (technology development, industry, public policy, and civil society).

Peer-reviewed scholarly articles will be invited from a wide range of disciplines such as political, industry matters, engineering, legal-sociology, economics and finance, philosophy, international relations, civil and criminal law and so on. Articles will go through a traditional double-blind peer-review process, with revisions as required by reviewers and editors to ensure quality. The length will be about 6-8000 words.



Report articles will be predominantly practice-oriented and include analyses of technological, legal, political, and commercial developments. They will survey and review recent developments, white papers, legal texts, reports and technological innovations of relevance to the journal's aims and scope. The articles will not undergo traditional peer-review, and revisions will be kept to a minimum, but submitted manuscripts will be quality assured through a single-blind quality check performed by peers and editors. The length will be about 1000 words.

The report articles will cover the following categories:

- a. Updates on legal- and EU policies
- b. Civil society updates
- c. Technology updates
- d. End-user updates

In addition, the journal will be closely linked to a wider digital platform. English will be the publishing language.

3. Editorial collective and editorial management

The journal will have an editorial structure based on a strong link to the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO). PRIO, with its director, will hold formal responsibility for appointing editors and the Managing Editor (ME) as well as agree to the overall profile of the journal over the duration of the SOURCE project.

The primary editorial organ will be the Editorial Collective consisting of 5 members and a larger editorial board consisting of 20-40 members. The 5 members of the Editorial Collective will represent the 5 sectors of the SOURCE project.

Each member of the Editorial Collective will lead the collective in the preparation of 1 issue, such that the main emphasis of each issue will be allowed to rotate. Each issue will be in this sense a 'special issue'. After each 5-issue cycle, the Editorial Collective will be renewed.

The lead Editorial Collective member for each issue will be the deciding voice and responsible editor in the event of disagreement or cooperation difficulties. S/he will otherwise carry the main responsibility for the overall composition and profile of the individual journal issue. The rotating leader of the Editorial Collective will be nominated a year in advance of take-over in order to ensure continuity and coherence in the journal's make-up.

The Editorial Collective will work together on all submissions and collaboratively be responsible for the content and quality of published material. Some of the members may instead or additionally be allocated specific tasks other than working on manuscripts, such as taking the responsibility for running the debate Forum. The Editorial Collective will further play a consultative role in most strategic aspects relating to the journals day-to-day work, from content to marketing and digital profile, and may take on other tasks as identified and required.

The Managing Editor (ME) will be responsible for all day-to-day publication matters, for calling meetings, leading and advising the Editorial Collective and liaising with the founding-editor on



identifying new members for the editorial committee, as well as for overseeing the social media and marketing strategies in collaboration with the Editorial Collective. The ME will additionally take charge of the digital domain, including webpages, Twitter/Facebook/YouTube profiles, and work closely with the designated editorial group member with additional responsibilities for *Security, Society and Technology's* digital profile.

The journal will have a large international editorial board mainly, but not exclusively, recruited from the SOURCE and NCoE networks. Care will be taken to ensure a good geographical and competence distribution as well as gender balance. The editorial board will be consulted on the bigger issues as and when required.

A typical first-cycle make-up of the Editorial Collective might be (unconfirmed):

Elspeth Guild	<i>Human and social science research</i>
Nicole Dewandre	<i>Policy</i>
Laurent Dubost	<i>Technology</i>
Luigi Rebuffi	<i>Industry</i>
Ben Hayes	<i>Civil Society</i>

The Founding Editor and SOURCE/ NordSTEVA Project Coordinator, J. Peter Burgess, will initially take the lead in the recruitment and appointment of the editorial collective and the ME as required. From the outset, Marit Moe-Pryce will fill the position of the Managing Editor.

An intern will be recruited to assist with language/editing of the journal submissions.

4. Profiling/promotion

Abstracting/Indexing. The journal should be indexed and abstracted to encourage readership and contributions. ISSN (International Standard Serial Number) registration will be sought as early as possible, i.e. once the first issue has been published.

Possibly CrossRef/DOI registration (depending on budget) and other relevant abstracting and indexing services will be sought whenever and wherever possible.

Using the Online Journal System (OJS) for submissions and review will greatly facilitate abstracting and indexing.

Online presence. Creating an active online presence will be the best promotion basis for the journal in order to generate readership and contributors. The journal's electronic platform should therefore be dynamic. It will host the submission tool OJS and additionally publish news pieces on security technology and pull in internal news, information about upcoming events, information from the networks of SOURCE and NordSTEVA as well as hosting a blog (*Forum*). The ambition is to create an online presence, where the journal content shares a central position with current news and a more interactive component.



The SOURCE and NordSTEVA news pages and the journal should cross-feed news stories. Some of the news stories, based on recent or upcoming publications, would be written by the ME, EDB members or network members. Readers of the project pages' news stories are then directed to the journal website if reading a piece written by journal affiliates, and vice versa. This will help grounding the journal in both the SOURCE and NordSTEVA camps. The ME would work actively with SOURCE's subscription to news monitoring to identify and convert material for the journal website, and as time allows, write independent contributions.

The SOURCE website is not set up with a blog. SST's *Forum*, hosted on the journal website, will appear as a blog and an important feature on the journal page. Contributions to the *Forum* will not be compiled in the virtual issues, but take the form of high quality blog-posts, either free-standing or related to previously published articles. The *Forum* will also include invited responses from top thinkers, experts, policy makers, and opinion makers in the field to questions posed by representatives from the other target groups. *Forum* articles will be up to 1,000 words. The Editorial Collective and ME will assemble the *Forum* articles or recruit someone to do so on a case-by-case basis. One of the Editorial Collective members will hold the specific task of overseeing the *Forum*, ensuring it happens according to the overall schedule provided by the Managing Editor.

Together these various components will create an active platform which will create a natural wish for readers to visit frequently and to contribute to debate along one of the many formats available on the platform or to a published issue.

5. Technical aspects and appearance

The journal will secure an independent domain which will be linked to SOURCE and NordSTEVA. This will position as the bridge it is, between the two projects.

Security, Society and Technology will for economic and practical reasons make use of the by now well-established freeware OJS (Open Journal System) for the submission and reviewing processes of manuscripts. OJS will, as a part of the solution, provide a template for the journal landing page. This template has restrictions and will possibly not allow us to be quite as ambitious as outlined above initially, but is still flexible enough to integrate many of the below elements.

Examples of other landing pages for journals using OJS can be found at; http://pkp.sfu.ca/wiki/index.php?title=OJS_Customizations.

A hybrid between two of these journals may be the most appropriate approach.

Top half: <http://blake.lib.rochester.edu/blakeojs/index.php/blake>.

Bottom half: <http://www.ijdesign.org/ojs/index.php/IJDesign/>

6. The way forward

As a first step, work will begin on server space, and the construction of the web portal. The editorial collective should be formed as soon as possible and a first meeting of the relevant partners be organised.



The Editorial Collective and Editorial Board will be formed with input from the SOURCE Steering Committee and a first virtual meeting will be called.

A publishing plan for the journal's first year (2015) should be formulated and discussed in relation to a first editorial meeting in early 2105.

The journal's first issue should be ready in the beginning of 2016.

7. Proposed inaugural issue

The journal will be launched with an inaugural issue in the second quarter of 2015. The issues will attract attention by focussing attention on the key societal issue: big data. The following is an example of the outline, and has not yet been confirmed.

Security, Society and Technology 2(1)

Large-Scale Surveillance, Transborder Access to Data and Societal Security in the EU: Transnational Insecurity Politics and Rule of Law Challenges

Editors: Prof. Elspeth Guild and Dr. Sergio Carrera

The 2013 Snowden revelations on NSA PRISM programmes have raised a number of profound dilemmas to societal security across the EU. Transnational practices and access by law enforcement authorities to digital data of persons held by private companies in the cloud pose serious challenges to privacy, rule of law, the rights of defence and freedom of the press.

This Special Issue of the SOURCE Security, Society and Technology Journal examines from an inter-disciplinary perspective the transnational insecurity politics and rule of law challenges raised large-scale surveillance and trans-border access to data by law enforcement. What do these transnational processes mean for EU's societal security?

Peer-Reviewed Article (6-8,000 words):

Judicial Accountability of Intelligence Services and Challenges to the Rights of the Defence and Freedom of the Press: A Comparative Study in the EU

Proposed authors: Prof. Didier Bigo, Dr. Sergio Carrera, Mr. Nicholas Hernanz and Dr. Amandine Scherrer

Report Articles (2-3,000 words):

1. 'Privacy in Times of Surveillance: The Role and Contribution from the UN Council and General Assembly'

Proposed author: Marco Milanovic University of Nottingham <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/law/people/marko.milanovic>

2. 'Cyber-crime and Societal Security: Council of Europe and the EU - Issues and Challenges of new Protocol to Budapest Convention'

Proposed author: Prof. Franziska Boehm <http://www.uni-muenster.de/Jura.itm/hoeren/en/organisation/prof-dr-franziska-boehm>



3. 'Mutual Legal Assistance Agreements: EU-USA Relations and the Microsoft Warrant Case - Legal Issues at Stake'

Proposed author: Philip Nolan <http://www.mhc.ie/people/philip-nolan>

4. 'Towards a New EU Data Protection Framework: State of Affairs and Outstanding Issues'

Proposed author: Prof. Paul de Hert (VUB)

5. 'Latest developments by the Court of Justice of the EU: Digital Rights Ireland and Google Case'

Proposed author: Dr. Els de Busser <https://www.mpicc.de/en/home/busser.html>

Forum Articles (1,000 words):

Representative of European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)

Representative of Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)

Representative of Europol

Jan Albrecht (MEP)