

## **Techno-polis: Democracy and markets in the age of Big Data**

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It is hard to deny that current technological developments, like the automation of certain productive activities or the digitalisation of various political processes, present great opportunities for social and economic development. Until recently, a seemingly justified optimism prevailed in this regard. However, recent scholarship at the intersection of politics, economics and philosophy calls into question this confidence by highlighting the risks and challenges that new technological developments present to market-based economies and democratic polities. *SIGNOS*, Centre for Social Studies and Research, invites scholars and graduate students from different backgrounds to a two-day conference at Los Andes University, Chile. The purpose of the conference is to encourage the interdisciplinary study of the risks and challenges that new technological development pose to contemporary societies. Specific questions contributors may wish to address include, but are far from limited to:

- The political and economic power of 'tech-giants'
- 'Big Data', privacy and government surveillance
- Artificial intelligence and the future of work
- Blockchain technology and online voting
- Smart contracts and the future of contract law
- Open-source governance and political participation
- The 'attention economy' and the future of political deliberation

If you are interested in participating, please send a 500 word abstract to [signos@uandes.cl](mailto:signos@uandes.cl), with the subject line 'Technopolis', no later than June 20th, 2019. Please make sure that submissions are prepared for blind review and include author information and institutional affiliation in a separate document. Registration fees are USD 100 (\$70.000 mil pesos) for academics and USD 50 (\$35.000 mil pesos) for graduate students and early career researchers. For further details or queries please contact M. Olga Ortega ([mortega@uandes.cl](mailto:mortega@uandes.cl)).

### **Important Dates**

Deadline for submission of abstracts: June 20th, 2019

Notification of accepted abstracts: July 15th, 2019

Registration deadline: August 16th, 2019