

Guest Editorial Preface

Special Issue on Cyberbullying and Cyberharassment: Exploring Online Abuse

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This special issue of the *International Journal of Technoethics* focuses on the dark side of Internet use. We focus on the burgeoning challenges created for scholars, for policymakers, for ethicists in tackling the problems of cyberbullying and cyberharassment.

The issue begins with my exploration of how cyberbullying is portrayed in film and television. My research examines the interplay between reality and its representation, spotlighting the tendency for the screen to mirror and inflame our deepest fears. Cyberbullying is also examined in this issue as a real-life problem posing a range of urgent challenges for schools and for support services.

Scholars have identified the paucity of research on revenge pornography and this special issue attempts to help rectify this. Papers herewith examine the subject as a crime, as a social problem and as a substantial legislative conundrum.

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