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IEEE SSIT 3rd Conference on Norbert Wiener in the 21st Century (21CW)

Being Human in a Global Village

CEG Campus, Anna University, Chennai, INDIA.

July 23–26, 2020

Norbert Wiener’s work offered a comprehensive blend of theory and practice spanning the “Global Village,” and this conference pays tribute to both the global dimension of his legacy and his ethical commitment to valorizing human freedom and autonomy within a society increasingly dominated by cybernetic systems. This third conference in the IEEE’s 21CW series will have three general themes:

1. The state of technologies initiated by Wiener.
2. The social impact of those technologies.
3. Wiener’s 1950s engagement and travels in India.

Highlights of the conference include:

- An “India Special Session,” which will convene panelists from various Institutions in India where Wiener lectured during the 1950s. This session contributes to ongoing 225th anniversary celebrations of Anna University’s CEG Campus
- A “Healthcare 2030” Panel Discussion
- Confirmed Keynote and Featured speakers from India, Australia, and North America
- A day-long event for students on July 23, 2020

Important Links:

- Call for Papers: https://easychair.org/cfp/21CW2020
- Conference Website: http://21stcenturywiener.org/

Important Dates:

- February 28, 2020: submissions of papers (peer review) or abstracts (presentation only) due
- May 31, 2020: accepted peer-reviewed papers due, last call for abstract-only submissions

Local support for the conference includes endorsement from founders of Infosys and Tata Consulting Services, IEEE India Council, and the Alumni Association of CEG.

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