



# Location Tech Task Force

The American Geographical Society and its EthicalGEO Initiative's Location Tech Task Force is convening a series of Blue-Ribbon Panels and Leadership Spotlights examining the ethical implications of mobile location technology in the era of COVID-19 and beyond.

Mobile location-based applications have become ubiquitous in our society. In a very short time, they have changed the way we live our lives. However, there are problematic and unanticipated effects of using this technology, particularly when it disproportionately impacts vulnerable populations. To better understand the ethical implications, such as the impact on privacy, it is important to frame the discussions and provide a platform to address these issues.

## Our Approach

Several Blue-Ribbon Panels and Leadership Spotlights of experts from government, industry, academe, and not-for-profit sectors will be convened to have in-depth interactive conversations to identify the effects of the use of location surveillance during the COVID-19 pandemic and how this technology becomes standard-issue in the future.

Panels will consist of different categories or collections of leading experts, in meaningful clusters of background, talent, and insight, and Leadership Spotlights will be held as one-on-one conversations with a special feature. The discussions will be presented as recorded video testimony as well as transcribed dialogue and be made available through a variety of formats to the public.

## Panels and Spotlights



Vulnerable Publics: International



Human Rights, Technology, and Governance during Covid-19



Vulnerable Publics: USA



National Security Perspectives on Location Surveillance and the Future of Democracy



State and Local Experience with Mobile Location Tech: Past, Present, and Future



Data Quality: False Negatives, False Positives, and Policing/Surveillance



Digital Contact Tracing Tools



Technology and LGBT+ Location Privacy during Covid-19



Mobile Location Data Information Sharing and its Implications for Democracy



Perspectives from Professionals Representing Commercial Platforms, Data, and Apps



Ethical Implications of Location Tech in the Face of Inconsistent Location Privacy Laws

