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Meet the Author Series: "Threats to EU concepts of 'adequacy' from trade agreements and data export agreements in the Asia-Pacific" (Professor Graham Greenleaf)

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Professor Graham Greenleaf is top expert on global privacy regimes. He warns in several articles about the possible threats of developments of trade agreements to privacy - Greenleaf, G 'Looming Free Trade Agreements Pose Threats to Privacy' (2018) 152 Privacy Laws & Business International Report 23-27 (April 2018), Greenleaf, G, 'Questioning 'Adequacy' (Pt II) – South Korea' (2018) 151 Privacy Laws & Business International Report 14-16 (February 2018) and Greenleaf, G, 'Questioning 'Adequacy' (Pt I) – Japan' 2017) 150 Privacy Laws & Business International Report, 1, 6-11 (December 2017)

The Asia-Pacific is the most economically significant region with which the European Union needs to reconcile its policies on international transfers of personal data. This is recognized in the Commission's Communication on data transfers (2017). The EU is negotiating with Japan and South Korea on adequacy This includes the compatibility of the concept of adequacy with the APEC's Cross-border Privacy Rules (CBPRs) and its implementation in law.

Professor Greenleaf's articles ask whether, and under what circumstances, CBPRs could be an existential threat to EU adequacy.

A closely-related development is the Lazarus-like return of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (now the 'Comprehensive & Progressive TPP' or CPTPP), an Asia-Pacific free trade agreement with arguably much stronger limits on national data export restrictions than the GATS. Will this agreement and other FTA developments also put adequacy under threat?

12.00-12.30	Arrival and lunch
12.30-13.45	"Threats to EU concepts of 'adequacy' from trade agreements and data export agreements in the Asia-Pacific" <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction by Dr Hielke Hijmans, Brussels Privacy Hub.• Critical remarks by Fabian Delcros, DG Justice, European Commission• Critical remarks by (tbc)• Reactions of the author
13.45-14.30	Discussion with discussants, authors and audience, chaired by Dr Hielke Hijmans