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# Advancing (with) EU data protection

## 4th European Data Protection Law Summer School



From 24 to 28 June, the **Brussels Privacy Hub** successfully hosted its **4th European Data Protection Law Summer School**, entitled "Advancing (with) EU data protection".

During five days, participants explored **EU's primary and secondary law**, and **engaged with a variety of stakeholders** ranging from practitioners with worldwide privacy expertise, representatives of key EU institutions, including the European Commission and the European Parliament, data protection authorities, among which the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS), digital rights advocates, and leading academics from Europe and beyond.

## 24 June 2019 - The (In)Alienable Data Subject: The seductions of data ownership, control and trade in data protection law (Summer-School opening event)

On **24 June 2019**, as opening event of the **4th EU data protection law summer school**, the **Brussels Privacy Hub** organised a roundtable titled "The (In)Alienable Data Subjects: The seductions of data ownership, control and trade in data protection law". **Paul Nemitz** (European Commission) moderated the discussion. **Meg Leta Jones** (Georgetown University), **Vaclav Janecek** (Oxford University), **Sylvie Delacroix** (University of Birmingham/Turing Institute) and **Valentina Pavel** (Mozilla Fellow/Privacy International) explored critical questions about **personal 'data ownership'** and **data subject rights under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**. A summary of the debate is now available.

## 25 June 2019 - Informational Self Determination in a Digital Society? with Dr. Jef Ausloos (Summer-School event)

On **25 June 2019**, the **Brussels Privacy Hub** held the eighth event of the Meet the Author Series. This time, **Jef Ausloos** (KU Leuven/University of Amsterdam) presented his doctorate thesis entitled "The Right to Erasure: Safeguard for Informational Self Determination in a Digital Society?"

He debated the outcomes of his work with **Meg Leta Jones** (Georgetown University), that provided her US scholar perspective on the right to erasure, and **Thomas Zerdick,** one of the drafters of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), currently at EDPS. **Hielke Hijmans** (VUB/Belgian DPA) chaired the discussion. A summary and a video of the event are now available.

## 27 June 2019 - The Connected DPO: Networks, Professional Associations and Beyond (Summer School event)



On **27 June 2019**, the **Brussels Privacy Hub** held a roundtable chaired by **Gloria González Fuster** (LSTS, VUB) looking into the possibilities for Data Protection Officers (DPOs), essential feature of the current data protection landscape, to get together.
Speakers included: **Cecilia Álvarez Rigaudias** (Asociación Profesional Española de Privacidad, APEP), **Christophe Boeraeve** (Association Française des Correspondants à la protection des Données à caractère Personnel, AFCDP), **Gonca G. Dhont** (DPO Network Europe) and **Koenraad Flamant** (Beroepsvereniging van de Belgische Data Protection Officers /Union Professionelle des Data Protection Officers belge).

# Upcoming Events

## 25 July 2019 - Digital Data Flow Master class - Class 5: Mobile Apps



On **25 July 2019**, during our fifth appointment with the Digital Data Flow master class, we will explore the basics of **data flows in mobile applications** ("apps"). Participants will gain an understanding of: **how and why mobile apps collect device identifiers and other personal information**, including through accessing phone sensors; **how data is shared with third parties using software development kits** (SDKs); the **uses of application programing interfaces** (APIs); and the **impact of iOS and Android settings on privacy**. No technical experience necessary.

Guest experts include **Fares Alraie**, Chief Information Security Officer at Mattel, Inc., and **Daniel Smullen**, PhD Candidate, Institute for Software Research, Carnegie Mellon University, with moderator **Christy Harris**, Director of Privacy Research at the Future of Privacy Forum.

**Participation from remote only**.

**Time**: 16:00 – 18:00 (Central European Time); 10:00-12:00pm (Eastern Time)

Further info and registration available here.

## 9 October 2019 - AI governance: theoretical and practical implications of EU "regulation" on AI



In April 2019, the European Commission's High-Level Expert Group on

Artificial Intelligence ("AI") published a first set of Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI. These will now be piloted by public and private organisations across Europe until early 2020, with the aim to understand, inter alia, to which extent these should be tailored to different sectors and use cases. In the meantime, questions arise whether the implementation of such guidelines by companies and other entities can create legally enforceable rights. Moreover, several voices are questioning the role that such guidelines can play as a complement to existing regulations, arguing that, instead, more tangible duties should be introduced through "hard law". In June 2019, the same Expert Group complemented its guidelines with AI policy recommendations, indicating a number of areas where such hard law may be desirable, which are expected to inspire potential regulatory action by the new Commission.

This seminar will discuss the **AI governance measures adopted in the EU** – in particular the Ethics Guidelines and Policy Recommendations mentioned above – and **whether such measures are appropriate** to meet the concerns raised by AI. It will then be discussed whether any (and, if so, which) **concrete legal implications** the implementation of ethics guidelines will have on businesses and whether this may open the way to new forms of litigation. Particular focus will be given to the impact on day-to-day compliance in selected business sectors, and to the legal claims that companies and other entities may face by private and public parties.

**Time**: 12:00 - 14:00 (lunch is included)

**Venue**: U-Residence, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Pleinlaan 2, 1050, Brussel (Access also via Generaal Jacqueslaan 271, 1050 Brussels)

**Registration**: The event is free to attend, but due to limited capacity, registration is required. In case of problems with the registration, please contact info@brusselsprivacyhub.eu.

Registration

## 19 November 2019 - 3rd Annual Brussels Privacy Symposium



The 2019 **Brussels Privacy Symposium** is the third annual academic program jointly presented by the **Brussels Privacy Hub** of the **Vrije Universiteit Brussel** (VUB) and the **Future of Privacy Foru**m (FPF) and is a global convening of practical, applicable, substantive privacy research and scholarship.
The Symposium will draw on the expertise of leading EU and US academics, industry practitioners, and policy makers to produce an annual workshop highlighting innovative research on emerging privacy issues.

**Venue**: Institute for European Studies (IES) of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Pleinlaan 5, B-1050, Brussels

Information on registration will follow.

# News

## Concluding workshops of the 2nd working series updating the Handbook on Data Protection in Humanitarian Action

On **3 and 4 June 2019**, the **Brussels Privacy Hub** (BPH) and the **International Committee of the Red Cross** (ICRC) hosted two workshops addressing **data protection issues in connectivity programmes** and in situations in which **humanitarian organisations use social media platforms to communicate and engage with affected and concerned individuals**.

During the workshops, representatives of humanitarian organisations, national data protection authorities, scholars, technical experts and representatives of the private sector presented and discussed the topics. The discussions highlighted challenges of implementing transparency obligations, facilitating data subjects' rights, partnering with non-humanitarian actors, the risks to the safety of affected populations that arise from data breaches as well as the ethical question surrounding data protection issues in these contexts.

The two workshops were held at the ICRC headquarters in Geneva and concluded the series of workshops that were part of the 2nd working series that aims at updating and extending the scope of the **Handbook on Data Protection in Humanitarian Action (Handbook)**. The revised and more extensive version of the Handbook will be published in 2020.

# Publications

Christopher Kuner, *International Organizations and the EU General Data Protection Regulation: Exploring the Interaction between EU Law and International Law*, 16 *International Organizations Law Review* 158-191 (2019)