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## Data protection and ethics. Does more ethics imply more duties for controllers?

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The European project is many things. Among these, it is an ethical project: the enactment of a certain number of core values in a changing material reality. These values are everywhere evoked in the principal texts of the European Union, and unambiguously supported by the Charter of Fundamental Rights and other key documents. Our digital age imposes technological novelty on European society at a break-neck speed, challenging the meaning and relevance of these traditional principles and values, initiating us to new applications and new invitations. Although this has always been the work of ethics, the velocity of technological innovation today creates the need for a more continuous and far-reaching ethical reflection on application of the European core values to the technological transformations of our time. In short, if we understand by 'digital ethics' a systematic reflection on the core values of the European project, interpreted and applied to a new generation of challenges to data protection and privacy, then our duties, while not more numerous, are certainly more pressing.

14.00 - 14.15	Arrival and coffee
14:15 - 14:30	Welcome by Dariusz Kloza – Vrije Universiteit Brussel (d.pia.lab) & Peace Research Institute Oslo
14:30 - 15:15	Keynote: Data protection and ethics. Does more ethics imply more duties for controllers? By J. Peter Burgess – Ecole Normale Supérieure, Københavns Universitet & Vrije Universiteit Brussel.
15:15 - 15:30	Intervention by Wojciech R. Wiewiórowski – Assistant European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)
15:30 - 16:00	Discussion

The event is free to attend, but registration is required.

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