

## **Exploring the Privacy and Data Protection connection**

### **International Workshop on the Legal Notions of Privacy and Data Protection in EU law in a Rapidly Changing World**

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For already almost 20 years, the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (EU) has distinguished the rights to privacy and data protection as two fundamental rights – one established by its Article 7, and the second by Article 8. This approach represented a clear innovation compared to the Council of Europe, where both notions are covered by Article 8 European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR).

The rights to privacy and the right to data protection play a crucial role in EU policy-making, as well as in the case law of the CJEU, and have acquired an increasingly significant importance. There is, however, a persistent lack of clarity on what these fundamental rights actually entail, or should entail, in particular in a rapidly changing digital environment. Even if both articles of the Charter are unquestionably closely related, there are different views on their specific nature and the nature of their relationship, and on their roles in a developing data-driven world. To what extent are these roles convergent or different?

The **Law, Science, Technology and Society (LSTS) Research Group** and the **Brussels Privacy Hub** will hold an International Workshop on the **Legal Notions of Privacy and Data Protection in EU law in a Rapidly Changing World** to take stock of current academic thinking and the developments in the case law and in policy making in the area, and to discuss the significance of these rights in the future.

The interactive open one-day Workshop on **‘Legal Notions of Privacy and Data Protection in EU law in a in a Rapidly Changing World’** on **14 May 2019** in Brussels will discuss the EU rights to privacy and data protection – their nature, scope and limitations, but also their practical legal and policy implications. For this purpose, the one-day workshop will bring together the leading academic experts, policy makers and practitioners in Europe to discuss different aspects of the complex relationship between privacy and data protection.

#### **Call for Papers for PhD students and early career researchers**

The Workshop will give the opportunity to PhD students and early career researchers to present their research on the relationship between the EU fundamental rights to privacy and data protection. Subjects of interest include, but are not limited to:

- the foundations, conceptualisation and operationalisation of the rights to privacy and data protection in EU law, including the essence of these rights and current challenges;

- comparative constitutional approaches, in particularly exploring convergence and divergence in the approaches of European and national courts;
- the roles of privacy and data protection in the EU legal framework, also in relation to other rights such as the confidentiality of communications (cf. e-Privacy) and other areas of EU law (cf. anti-discrimination);
- the EU privacy/data protection framework in an international perspective (cf. the reach of 'the right to be forgotten', intersections with international legal instruments);
- forward-looking: which role(s) for privacy and data protection in a data-driven world (cf. fundamental rights & algorithmic decision-making), practical implications for EU policy and societal and technological developments.

Interested researchers should send an abstract (max. 500 words) by **28 February 2019** at the latest. Selected authors will then be notified by **14 March 2019** and have until **26 April 2019** to submit their final paper (between 5000 and 10000 words). Accepted authors are expected to present and discuss their paper at the Workshop; publication avenues are being explored. Please send your abstract to [info@brusselsprivacyhub.eu](mailto:info@brusselsprivacyhub.eu) with your name, affiliation, and short biography.

Limited financial assistance for travel and accommodation costs for accepted paper presenters coming from outside Belgium shall be available. Please notify the organising committee as soon as possible should you wish to receive such financial assistance for travel and accommodation costs to receive more details on amounts and procedure.

***See the Brussels Privacy Hub Website for more information and updates on the workshop.***