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Interview with Visiting Scholar

Visiting Scholar: Dr. Hiroshi Miyashita

Associate professor of law at Chuo University, Tokyo, Dr. Miyashita, was a Visiting Scholar at the Brussels Privacy Hub in April and May 2016. He will shortly publish a working paper as part of the Hub's Working Paper Series. We asked him some questions about his visit:



What brought you to Brussels and, more specifically, to the Brussels Privacy Hub?

The EU has been the leader of the data protection community all over the world and affects Japanese stakeholders through the “Brussels effect”. It is essential to learn from the EU data protection experts in Brussels why they respect data protection as a fundamental right with the new GDPR. At the same time, it is also important to export the Japanese cultural value of privacy to the EU experts to build bridges between the two. The Brussels Privacy Hub entails an open and active academic community with diverse experts, where I could achieve my academic goal.

What were you hoping to get out of your visit?

My hope was to find the convergence of EU-Japan data protection regimes after I wrote a chapter "A Tale of Two Privacies" in *Enforcing Privacy*. At the same time, I was interested in the GDPR and its possible impact on Japanese stakeholders. After the amendments of the Japanese Data Protection Act in 2015, I planned to study, with the EU experts' assistance, how close we had come to the EU legal regime and what more we should do catch up.

What were some highlights of your visit?

It was a full of pleasant memories: the working paper discussions with professors, lunch with the professors and researchers, visiting EU institutions, and, of course, the beautiful cities with the unexpected clear weather. Among them, the most exciting event was the EU-Japan Data Protection Workshop. We had stimulating discussions with the panelists and continuous questions from the audience. At this time, I feel that the Brussels Privacy Hub is the intellectual capital of data protection in the world.

How has your visit changed your view on data protection in Europe as compared to in Japan?

I found that we had many more similar aspects of law and practice than differences. Nonetheless, the Japanese approach is still mostly to use soft power through a social norm of privacy. We should learn not just the legal text or languages, but also the EU data protection philosophy of hard power, such as the DPA's role and law enforcement.

Are you planning on future collaboration between the Hub and your home institute?

My stay in Brussels was the first step for future EU- Japan collaboration. I hope we will build clear privacy bridges between Brussels and Tokyo in the future. I personally express my special thanks to Professor Christopher Kuner for his hospitality and academic friendship.

Recent Events

ICRC Workshops • Data protection in humanitarian action



13 and 14 June, 2016 • The Hub hosted two full-day workshops in Geneva in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross. The workshops considered the data protection implications of the use of biometrics and mobile cash in humanitarian action. We were pleased to welcome UN Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy, Joseph Cannataci, to speak at the workshops (pictured above).

[More information](#)

GDPR Workshop Series • The GDPR and the European Data Protection Board

18 May, 2016 • The Hub hosted a workshop on the implementation of the GDPR and the role of the European Data Protection Board.

This was part of the BPH Workshop Series on the Implementation of the GDPR. The workshops bring together academics, officials of EU institutions, data protection authorities and NGOs.





GDPR Workshop Series • Freedom of Expression and Data protection in the GDPR

16 June, 2016 • The Hub hosted a successful workshop on the implementation of the GDPR and freedom of expression. The discussion focused largely on the "right to be forgotten".

Upcoming Events

BRUSSELS PRIVACY HUB *presents*

NEW EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION LAWS: THE BELGIAN PERSPECTIVE

*the GDPR and the Police
Directive explained*

Register now for the Brussels Privacy Hub's conference on **Thursday 7 July**: *New European Data Protection Laws: The Belgian Perspective - the GDPR and the Police Directive explained*. This multi-lingual, multi-sector conference seeks to provide a better understanding of the implications of upcoming EU rules on legal professionals working with Belgian public authorities and companies.

Programme



EU-Korea Data Protection Seminar

The Brussels Privacy Hub and the Seoul National University Center for Law and Economics invite you to a seminar on privacy bridges between the EU and Korea. More Information

When: Wednesday 6 July
16.30 - 18.45 (including drinks reception)

Where: Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia to the EU, Rue Montoyer 47, 1000 Brussels

Registration: info@brusselsprivacyhub.org.

Latest Publications

May 2016 • Brussels Privacy Hub Working Paper Series • *Permissions and Prohibitions in Data Protection Jurisdiction* by BPH Fellow Mistale Taylor

May 2016 • IAPP Privacy Perspective blog entry • *Why the UN should be the world's lead privacy agency* by BPH Co-Director Prof. Paul de Hert and LSTS Researcher Vagelis Papakonstantinou

April 2016 • Book • *Enforcing Privacy: Regulatory, Legal and Technological Approaches* by BPH Co-Director Prof. Paul de Hert and Director of Trilateral Research and BPH Summer School Faculty Member David Wright

April 2016 • Article • *GDPR: We all need to work at it!* by BPH Summer School Programme Coordinator and LSTS Researcher Prof. Gloria González Fuster

Call for Papers



CALL FOR PAPERS

IDENTIFIABILITY: POLICY AND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR ANONYMIZATION AND PSEUDONYMIZATION

On 8 November 2016, the Brussels Privacy Symposium will be hosting an academic workshop on Identifiability: Policy and Practical Solutions for Anonymization and Pseudonymization. The call for papers invites authors from multiple disciplines including law, computer science, statistics, engineering, social science, ethics and business to submit papers for presentation at a full-day programme in Brussels.

Abstracts are due **1 August, 2016**, with full papers to follow on **1 October, 2016**.

[More information](#)

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