

Upcoming Events

3rd European Data Protection Law Summer School: Putting the GDPR into Practice & in Context: one week left for early bird registration



The **Brussels Privacy Hub** is proud to announce the **3rd European Data Protection Law Summer School**, which will take place between **25 - 29 June 2018**. Building on the success of the first two years, and under the title '**Putting the GDPR into Practice & in Context**', the 3rd European Data Protection Law Summer School will equip participants to adequately tackle the implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and prepare them for the many challenges ahead.

The summer school is aimed at **legal practitioners, public and private sector data protection professionals** - including compliance officers, data protection officers, data policy officers - **civil society professionals, early career academic researchers** and others who work in the areas of privacy and data protection law. Prior familiarity with the field is required.

An **early bird registration** to the Summer School is possible for one more week, ending **30 March 2018**.

Time: 25 June - 29 June 2018

Programme: A **provisional programme** is now available, subject to possible changes.

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

Registration: Registration is required. The number of places is limited to 35 places.

More information: For additional information on content, speakers and programme, check our [Website](#).

Register

20 April 2018: Meet the Author Series "In Search of the Concept of Essence of EU Fundamental Rights Through the Prism of Data Privacy" with Dr. Maja Brkan

The **Brussels Privacy Hub** is hosting the next event in its **Meet the Author Series** on **Friday, 20 April 2018**. This time the debate will be with the author of a forthcoming paper titled **“The concept of essence of fundamental rights in the EU legal order: Peeling the onion to its core”** *European Constitutional Law Review* (Issue 2, 2018, Forthcoming) written by **Dr Maja Brkan**, Assistant Professor in EU law at the Faculty of Law of Maastricht University.

The article aims to shed light on the **notion of essence of fundamental rights** that has been relied upon by the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU) in the **Schrems** and **Digital Rights Ireland** cases. This article places the notion of essence into the framework of multi-level protection of fundamental rights in Europe, arguing that this concept has its origins not only in case law of the CJEU concerning the ‘very substance’ of fundamental rights, but also in the national constitutional traditions of Member States and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights. This article further elaborates on the constitutive elements of this notion and proposes a classification of the different types of breaches of the essence of fundamental rights. Finally, while elaborating on the relationship between the notion of essence and the principle of proportionality, this article proposes an EU methodology for determining a breach of the essence of a fundamental right.

The article will be debated with the author by **Dr Herke Kranenborg** (Legal Service Commission), **Prof. Herwig Hofmann** (University of Luxembourg) and **Hielke Hijmans** (Brussels Privacy Hub).

Time: 12:00 - 14:30 (lunch will be provided)

Programme: The programme is available [here](#).

Location: Lisbon Conference Room, Lower Ground Floor, Institute for European Studies, VUB, Pleinlaan 5, 1050 Brussels

Registration: The event is **free** to attend but capacity is limited, so registration is required.

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Highlights

23 January 2018: Brussels Privacy Hub and Privacy Salon host engaging launch for CPDP 2018



On 23 January 2018, the **Brussels Privacy Hub** teamed up with **Privacy Salon** to host a launch event for the **11th edition of CPDP**. The event was an exclusive **roundtable** on **“Cross-border data transfers”**, where the discussants **Max Schrems** (noyb), **Renate Nikolay** (Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Věra Jourová, DG JUST, European Commission) and **Gabriela Zanfir-Fortuna** (Future of Privacy Forum) debated especially data flows in the transatlantic context. The heated debate was moderated by **Omer Tene** (IAPP). If you missed the debate, find a full recording [here](#).

26 January 2018: Brussels Privacy Hub Panel on Data Protection Challenges in Humanitarian Action a great success



The **Brussels Privacy Hub** successfully organised a panel for the **11th edition of CPDP** on **Data Protection Challenges in Humanitarian Action**. The well attended panel focused on the special situation of humanitarian organisations in regard to data protection. The expert speakers **Ben Parker** (IRIN), **Alexander Beck** (UNHCR), **Massimo Marelli** (ICRC), **Alexandrine Pirlot de Corbion** (Privacy International) and **Vagelis Papakonstantinou** (Brussels Privacy Hub) each presented a different opinion on the matter, leading to a fruitful and engaging discourse. If you missed the Panel or want to re-watch it, please find a full recording [here](#).

20 February 2018: Brussels Privacy Hub Lunchtime event co-organised with the EDPS discusses the key issue of the value of data



On **20 February 2018**, the **EDPS** and the **Brussels Privacy Hub** co-organised a lunch workshop at the EDPS premises on **'Putting a price on your invaluable private life? Personal data and the values behind'**. The debate between our speakers, **Damian Clifford** (KU Leuven), **Sari Depreeuw** (Daldewolf), **Géraldine Proust** (FEDMA), **Agustín Reyna** (BEUC), **Romain Robert** (EDPS) and **Gloria González Fuster** (VUB) were both fruitful and academically engaging! If you missed this high-level debate, watch a full recording [here](#).

22 February 2018: Conclusive Workshop on Big Data Analytics by Telecommunications Operators and the draft ePrivacy Regulation



On **22 February 2018**, the **Brussels Privacy Hub** hosted a **Workshop on Big Data Analytics by Telecommunications Operators and the draft ePrivacy Regulation**. The well-received workshop moderated by **Vagelis Papakonstantinou** (Brussels Privacy Hub, LSTS, VUB) discussed with speakers **Hielke Hijmans** (Brussels Privacy Hub), **Cédrine Morlière** (Belgian Privacy Commission) and **Achim Klabunde** (Head of Sector IT Policy, EDPS) potential user and data processing scenarios and assessed regulatory solutions. The findings of the Workshop will be summarised in a **Brussels Privacy Hub Working Paper** to be made available on our Website.

12 March 2018: Conference on Data Protection in Humanitarian Action shows the complex issues of data protection for the humanitarian sector



On **12 March 2018**, the **Brussels Privacy Hub** in collaboration with the **Data Protection Office of the International Red Cross (ICRC)**, the **Minister of Development Cooperation, Digital Agenda Telecom and Postal Services, NATO** and the **Kingdom of Belgium** organised a **Conference on Data Protection in Humanitarian Action**. The event was widely attended with more than 120 participants. After an introduction by **Hub Co-Director Christopher Kuner**, followed by keynotes of **Alexander de Croo** (Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium and Minister of Development Cooperation, Digital Agenda, Telecom and Postal Services) and **Charlotte Lindsey Curtet** (Director of Communication and Information Management, ICRC) the Conference focused in two panels on some of the practical issues arise when data protection rules are applied to Humanitarian Action. During the event, the Handbook on Data Protection in Humanitarian Action of the Hub and the ICRC was praised several times for its relevance and usefulness in addressing these difficult issues. If you missed the event, please find here a **programme** and the **summary** of the event.



News

Recording available of roundtable on the European Investigation Order

On **15 January 2018**, the **VUB Fundamental Rights and Constitutionalism Research Group**, as partner of the **EU project LIVE_FOR**, organised a round table addressing cross border access to electronic evidence and judicial cooperation in the context of the **European Investigation Order**. The panel composed of LSTS members **Mireille Hildebrandt**, **Paul De Hert**, **Gloria González Fuster** and FRC member **Catherine Van der Heyning**. Find a video of the full event **here**.

Hub Co-Director Christopher Kuner cited in POLITICO on "Brussels effect"

On **31 January 2018**, **POLITICO** published an article on the external influence the entering of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will have on a global scale. Within the article **'Europe's new data protection rules export privacy standards worldwide'** Brussels Privacy Hub Co-Director **Christopher Kuner** is cited on two occasions as main expert for what he terms **"the Brussels effect"**. To read the full article on POLITICO, click **here**.

Hub Advisory Board Member Paul Nemitz appointed as VUB Fellow

On **6 February 2018**, **Paul Nemitz**, Principal Advisor at the European Commission and **Privacy Hub board member**, has been appointed as a **Fellow of the University**. The award ceremony will be held on **June 21, 2018**.

Hub member **Laura Drechsler** wins 3rd prize in LexisNexis Best Paper Award at IRIS2018

On **22 February 2018**, Brussels Privacy Hub member **Laura Drechsler** was awarded the **3rd prize in the LexisNexis Best Paper Award** competition for the 21st Internationale Rechtsinformatik Symposium (IRIS) in Salzburg for her paper **“Data As Counter-performance: A New Way Forward Or A Step Back For The Fundamental Right Of Data Protection”**.



Publications

Hub Co-Director **Christopher Kuner** publishes paper on **“International Organisations and the GDPR”**

Christopher Kuner, Co-Director of the Hub, has published a paper entitled **“International Organisations and the EU General Data Protection Regulation”** in the University of Cambridge Law Faculty Research Paper Studies Series. The paper examines the impact of the GDPR on the work of international organizations (such as organisations established under public international law).

Hub member **Vagelis Papakonstantinou** co-edits book on **Privacy and Data Protection Seals**

Brussels Privacy Hub member **Vagelis Papakonstantinou** has co-edited, together with **Rowena Rodrigues** from Trilateral Research, a new book on **“Privacy and Data Protection Seals”**, just published by T.M.C. Asser Press under its **Information Technology and Law series** (distribution by Springer). The book presents timely and needed contributions on privacy and data protection seals as seen from general, legal, policy, economic, technological, and societal perspectives. The book’s chapter on the EU perspective, **“Data Protection Certification in the EU: Possibilities, Actors and Building Blocks in a Reformed Landscape”**, has been drafted by BPH’s Director, **Paul de Hert**, together with LSTS’ **Irene Kamara**.

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