

## The Information Law and Policy Centre

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*'From Archive to Database: Reflections on the History of Laws Governing Access to Information', Evening seminar, 25 October 2018*



The imperative to provide access to information has necessitated the introduction of regulation that goes beyond the remit of traditional freedom of information laws. Such frameworks include laws governing access to personal data, including the recently enacted UK Data Protection Act and the EU General Data Protection Regulation, to open data laws, as in Germany and the U.S. At the heart of this development in legislation, governing access to information lies a fundamental shift in the nature of information itself, from traditional paper documents to the data and Big Data of today.

The ILPC will be hosting an evening seminar to discuss these issues and to generate critical reflections on the historical development of access to information laws in their different permutations.

*Speakers:*

- **Professor Catherine O'Regan**, Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, University of Oxford
- **Elizabeth Archer**, Senior Policy Officer, ICO
- **Dr David Goldberg**, Senior Associate Research Fellow ILPC
- **Dr Richard Danbury**, Associate Research Fellow, ILPC

*Chair:* **James Michael**, Senior Associate Research Fellow, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

For more information about this event see [here](#).

## Updates from ILPC

- [Dr Rachel Adams](#) delivered a presentation entitled 'Transparency to Come: A Biopolitical Reading of the History of the Future', at the Critical Legal Conference, Open University, Milton Keynes, 5-8<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
- [Dr Nóra Ni Loideain](#) delivered a presentation entitled 'Augmented Powers require Augmented Accountability: Data-Driven Policing and Oversight', at the Privacy in Public Sphere conference, Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Study, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
- Dr Nóra Ni Loideain is delivering a presentation entitled 'Implications of *Digital Rights Ireland* for Internet Surveillance in Europe', at the Queen Mary's University of London Surveillance Law Conference, Paris 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
- Dr Nóra Ni Loideain and Dr Rachel Adams delivered a presentation entitled 'From Ava to Siri: The Gendering of Virtual Personal Assistants and the Role of Data Protection Law', at GIKII, Vienna, 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

### **ILPC Submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on Privacy, Consultation on 'Gender Perspectives on Privacy'**

This submission from the ILPC is in response to the recent call for submissions on 'Gender Perspectives on Privacy' by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy, and addresses the following questions as set out in the call:

1. What gender issues arise in the digital era in the Thematic Action Streams (Privacy and Personality; Security and Surveillance; Big Data and Open Data; Health Data and the Use of Personal Data by Corporations)? What challenges need to be addressed and what positives can be promoted more widely?

2. What are good practices in law and service delivery models that address gender based differences in the enjoyment of the right to privacy?

## **ILPC's submission to the Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation Consultation**

[This submission](#) from the ILPC is in response to the recent [call for submissions](#) on views on the activities and work of the **Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation (CDEI)** and addresses the following questions:

1. Do you agree with the proposed role and objectives for the Centre?
2. How best can the Centre work with other institutions to ensure safe and ethical innovation in the use of data and AI?
3. What activities should the Centre undertake?
4. How should the Centre deliver its recommendations to government?

## **Updates from our network**

- ILPC Associate Research Fellow [Dr Judith Townend](#) recently published a [blog post](#) on The Conversation called 'Reform charity law to allow funding of public interest journalism'
- Advisory Board Member Graham Smith (Partner, Bird & Bird) recently published a [blog post](#) about the Investigatory Powers Act called 'Big Brother Watch v UK – implications for the Investigatory Powers Act?'
- ILPC Research Associate Peter Coe has an article forthcoming entitled '(Re)embracing social responsibility theory as a basis for free speech: shifting the normative paradigm for a modern media', *Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly* (accepted/forthcoming, Winter 2018)
- ILPC Research Associate Peter Coe recently published an article called 'Anonymity and Pseudonymity: Free Speech's Problem Children', *Media & Arts Law Review* (2018) 22(2) 173-200
- ILPC Senior Associate Research Fellow Professor Lorna Woods recently published a [blog post](#) on Inform called 'Carnegie UK Trust: A proposal for harm reduction in Social media'

## **Funding and awards**

- ILPC will be the project leader on the research theme of 'Beyond smart cities', as a

collaborator on the EPSRC Network Plus Human-Data Interaction Grant:  
[https://www.designinformatics.org/research\\_project/network-plus-in-human-data-interaction-legibility-agency-negotiability-co-i/](https://www.designinformatics.org/research_project/network-plus-in-human-data-interaction-legibility-agency-negotiability-co-i/).



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