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Mind the Gap: a blueprint for a new regulatory framework that effectively captures citizen journalists



Date

28 Feb 2019, 17:00 to 18:45

Institute

Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Type

Evening Seminar

Venue

Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR

Description

In this seminar [Peter Coe](#), ILPC Research Associate, argues that citizen journalism, facilitated by the Internet and social media, is no longer an outlier of free speech, but is now a central component of the media, and public discourse. Therefore, the purpose of this seminar is not to discuss the merits of media regulation generally, or to tackle the issue of regulating the Internet and social media. Rather, it aims to address the issue of regulating citizen journalists.

It starts from the position that despite the growing importance of citizen journalism from a constitutional perspective, the UK's current framework for media regulation does not provide an effective means of regulating citizen journalists and that, consequently, there is 'gap' in the regime. To fill this 'gap' Peter Coe sets out a blueprint for a new voluntary, yet highly incentivised, regulatory system that draws on existing and proposed regulatory regimes from a number of jurisdictions.

Speakers:

Peter Coe, ILPC Research Associate, Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP

[Dr Paul Wragg](#), Associate Professor of Law, University of Leeds School of Law

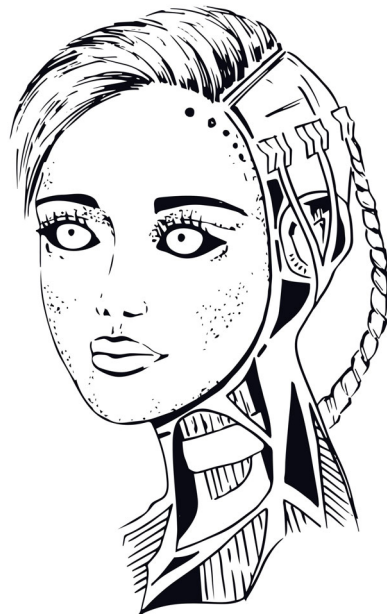
[Dr Laura Scaife](#), Associate Solicitor, Addleshaw Goddard

[Dr Richard Danbury](#), ILPC Associate Research Fellow, Associate Professor of Journalism, De Monfort University

Chair: [Dr Nóra Ni Loideain](#), Director of the Information Law and Policy Centre, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.

Registration to the event is available [here](#).

Women and AI: Harms, Impacts and Remedies



Date

7th March 2019, 17:00 to 19:00

Institute

Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Type

Evening Seminar

Venue

Conference Room, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR

Description

Our daily interactions with AI-driven technologies – whether seen or unseen – are becoming increasingly normalised. The use of AI virtual personal assistants (VPAs) in the home are one such feature. Yet, while recent policy documents on AI are quick to note the potential ethical impact of such technologies, little thorough critique has examined how these technologies work to create and reproduce asymmetries of power that fall across, in particular, lines of gender.

The female characterisation of Siri (Apple), Alexa (Amazon), and Cortana (Microsoft) – AI domestic assistants designed to make home life more efficient; the unprecedented walk-out in protest of Google's treatment of women in November 2018; and the biases toward women ingrained in Amazon's AI-driven recruitment system, all point to the critical need to undertake this kind of inquiry and to critically consider how the development and use of AI technologies intersect with issues of gender.

In response, the ILPC will be hosting an evening seminar on the 7th March to discuss these and other issues relating to the intersection of women, AI and the law. We seek to canvass issues including biases in algorithmic processing; the invisibility of women's labour in the production and even design of technology; representation of women in ICTs; and the gendered design of AI technologies, such as VPAs.

Panel:

[Dr Nina Power](#), Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Roehampton

[Dr Sarah Dillon](#), Director of AI: Narratives and Justice, Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence

[Dr Reuben Binns](#), Lecturer, Department of Computer Science, University of Oxford, Research Fellow, Information Commissioner's Office

Discussant: [Dr Rachel Adams](#), Early Career Researcher, Information Law and Policy Centre, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Chair: [Dr Nóra Ni Loideain](#), Director and Lecturer in Law, Information Law and Policy Centre, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Registration to the event is available [here](#).

Updates from ILPC

- [Dr Nóra Ni Loideain](#) was appointed a member of the ODI's Data Trust Exploration Group (DTEG). The group is being established to provide input into the Open Data Institute's pilot data trust work, share some its emerging findings and help connect together people and organisations working on similar initiatives around the world: <https://theodi.org/article/what-is-a-data-trust/>.

- [Dr Nóra Ni Loideain](#), as co-investigator, has co-ordinated and presented a paper in a workshop funded by the [Wellcome Trust](#), entitled 'The Governance of Data Sharing for Genomic and Other Health-Related Data in Africa', with a presentation on POPIA and the GDPR. With the contribution of Dr Rachel Adams. 3rd-5th February 2019, Cape Town, South Africa.
- [Dr Rachel Adams](#) has co-authored a chapter in the new NUPRI publication 'Internet Governance in the Global South – History, Theory and Contemporary Debates', entitled 'Taking back control through openness and inclusivity? The case of Internet Governance in South Africa' with Colin Darch and Ke Yu (Edited by David Oppermann). University of São Paulo Press (2019). Available [here](#).
- [Dr Nóra Ni Loideain](#) and [Dr Rachel Adams](#) delivered presentations on gendered AI and potential legal remedies at a workshop at the [Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence](#). The aim of the workshop was to scope the current state of research in the field of [AI and Gender](#), and to define a collective research agenda for this space. 20th February 2019, University of Cambridge
- [Dr Nóra Ni Loideain](#) and [Dr Rachel Adams](#) have submitted evidence to Parliament in response to the recent call for evidence on '[The Right to Privacy and the Digital Revolution](#)', from the Joint Committee on Human Rights. The submission outlines the following issues: Predictive Policing and the implications for involving private companies in the delivery of public services; the role of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights; and indirect gender discrimination caused by gendered AI-driven virtual personal assistants, and the role of the DPIA. Submission available [here](#).

- [Dr Rachel Adams](#) was invited to write a guest blog post for the Surveillance Camera Commissioner (SCC) blog, entitled '[Driving Ethics Forward: The Importance of Considering the Ethics of Automatic Number Plate Recognition \(ANPR\)](#).'
- [Dr Rachel Adams](#) will be leading a guest research seminar at NINSO (Northumbria Internet & Society Research Group) entitled '**Make Google Do It**. Interpellating digital subject/objects of desire in the gendering of artificially intelligent virtual personal assistants.' 6th March 2019, Faculty of Business and Law, Northumbria University. Further information is available [here](#).

Updates from our network

- ILPC Associate Research Fellow [Dr Richard Danbury](#) delivered a presentation on journalism and whistleblowing at Edinburgh Law School, entitled 'Whistleblowing and the Public Interest: Regulatory Standards and Sectoral Variation'. 18th February 2019, Edinburgh Law School.
- ILPC Associate Research Fellow [Dr Richard Danbury](#) has authored two chapters for '[Journalism, Power and Investigation - Global and Activist Perspectives](#)', entitled 'Investigative journalism and terrorism: the proactive legal duty to report' (chapter One) and 'Can you keep a secret? Legal and technological obstacles to protecting journalistic sources' (chapter Four), co-authored with Dr Judith Townend; (edited by Stuart Price). Forthcoming 2019.
- ILPC Associate Research Fellow [Dr Judith Townend](#) has published an article in Communications Law journal, entitled 'Open Justice, Transparency and the

Media: Representing the Public Interest in the Physical and Virtual Courtroom'. Communications Law, Vol 23, No. 4, pp. 183 – 202 (2018). Co-authored with Jason Bosland. Available [here](#).

- ILPC Associate Research Fellow [Dr Judith Townend](#) has published [a blog post](#) The Justice Gap about how the Cairncross Review could help public interest law reporting.
- ILPC Visiting Scholar [Maria Cristina Gaeta](#) has passed her viva with a thesis entitled 'Liability rules and self-driving cars: The evolution of tort law in the light of new technologies'. 22nd February 2019, Università degli studi di Napoli Federico II, Naples, Italy.
- ILPC's Visiting Scholar 2019 [Damian Clifford](#) and [Dr Nóra Ni Loideain](#) have contributed to the drafting of the report '[Ethical and societal implications of algorithms, data, and artificial intelligence: a roadmap for research](#)' by the Nuffield Foundation and the Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence (LCFI), 13th February 2019.



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