

How do we enforce individual and collective rights in a changing world?

CPDP 2021 seeks the answers!

From 27 till 29 January, the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Computers, Privacy and Data Protection Conference (CPDP2021) goes online with lots of inspiring panels and exciting side events. This year's overarching theme "Enforcing Rights in a Changing World" asks how data protection and privacy are maintained post-pandemic.

From 27 till 29 January, academics, lawyers, practitioners, policymakers, industry and civil society from all over the world gather online for CPDP 2021, the world-leading multidisciplinary/multi-stakeholder conference that offers the cutting edge in legal, regulatory, academic and technological development in privacy and data protection.

The overarching theme of the 2021 edition is "Enforcing Rights in a Changing World". As humanity is facing a global pandemic reshaping our lives, governments are discussing measures ranging from contact tracing apps to immunity passports and long-term border restrictions. Meanwhile, a considerable part of our daily lives is moving online as telemedicine and online classrooms substitute in-person encounters. Amidst all these changes, is there also a change in the way we are looking at things and rethinking the possible? What will be the legacy of this pandemic on human rights including privacy and data protection? How do we enforce individual and collective rights in a changing world?

CPDP2021 will serve as a platform to discuss and seek answers to these questions and many more.

Over the course of 3 days, CPDP 2021 will present more than 80 panels across 5 online stages with topics including Digital Services Act, data retention, digital sovereignty, automated decision-making in the public sector, workplace surveillance, data science and the COVID-19 pandemic, AI and discrimination, AI in Smart Cities and much more. CPDP will also feature a range of great pre- and side events which have us very excited, such as the CPDP art section that will show films, artist's work and creative projects related to topics of privacy and data protection.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Sophie Kwasny, Head of the Data Protection Unit of the Council of Europe (INT)
- Wojciech Wiewiorowski, European Data Protection Supervisor (EU)
- Julie Brill, Corporate Vice President and Deputy General Counsel for Global Privacy and Regulatory Affairs at Microsoft (US)

- Peter Swire, Georgia Tech and Research Director, Cross-Border Data Forum (US)
- Ursula Pahl, Deputy Director General of BEUC (BE)
- Marc Rotenberg, Director of the Center for AI and Digital Policy (US)
- Helen Dixon, Data Protection Commissioner for Ireland
- Paul F. Nemitz, Principal Advisor in the Directorate General for Justice and Consumers (EU)
- Margot Kaminski, Associate professor at the University of Colorado Law (US)
- Jonas Staal, Dutch visual artist who initiated a collective action lawsuit to force legal recognition of Facebook as a public domain under ownership and control of its users.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The 14th edition of CPDP will be held from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 online.

- Info, programme & side events: <http://www.cpdpconferences.org/>
- Press accreditation: Conference registration fee is waived for journalists. Journalists can register by contacting Ine De Bock ([ine@privacysalon.org](mailto:ine@privacysalon.org)). Please note that an official press card is mandatory. If you don't have a press card, please send us a proof that you are on assignment from a media outlet.
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## ABOUT CPDP

Computers, Privacy & Data Protection (CPDP) is a non-profit platform originally founded in 2007 by research groups from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, the Université de Namur and Tilburg University. The platform was joined in the following years by the Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique and the Fraunhofer Institut für System und Innovationsforschung and has now grown into a platform carried by 20 academic centers of excellence from the EU, the US and beyond. As a world-leading multidisciplinary conference CPDP offers the cutting edge in legal, regulatory, academic and technological development in privacy and data protection. Within an atmosphere of independence and mutual respect, CPDP gathers academics, lawyers, practitioners, policymakers, industry and civil society from all over the world in Brussels, offering them an arena to exchange ideas and discuss the latest



emerging issues and trends. This unique multidisciplinary formula has served to make CPDP one of the leading data protection and privacy conferences in Europe and around the world. In 2021 CPDP will go fully online.