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Is this post-privacy?

How can we as a society avoid the exploitation of our privacy, yet ensure we do not jeopardise the benefits of increasing interconnectedness? Or, as a society have we already gone too far, and are we now in an age of post-privacy?

On October 17 a range of influential thought leaders will gather in Melbourne at the Privacy Workshop 2014 to discuss the place of privacy in our increasingly public lives.

Sponsored by Google, Facebook and GetUp!, the Privacy Workshop is an Electron Workshop project, in partnership with Electronic Frontiers Australia, and ThoughtWorks.

According to Electron Workshop co-founder Nick Jaffe, privacy can often be overlooked as a basic human right.

"How we define privacy should not be left to the government and large-scale corporations," said Jaffe.

"The Privacy Workshop is the perfect forum for people of all walks of life to gather and discuss how they see themselves, as private citizens, interacting and engaging with institutions in the information age."

Amongst the line up of speakers is Australia's Human Rights Commissioner, Tim Wilson, who will be discussing our individual right to privacy, and the debate behind the right to be forgotten.

"Privacy is not merely a matter that concerns policy makers. It is part of a wider discourse on freedom. The freedom to live our lives the way we want, without state or corporate intervention," said Wilson.

Senator Scott Ludlam, a leading voice against the Federal Government's attempt to introduce a mandatory net filter and data retention scheme, will also be presenting on the day.

"I have been advocating against a data retention scheme because it is a direct expansion of a system of warrantless invasions of privacy that is already out of control," Senator Ludlam said.

"Data retention will dramatically expand the scope of this form of surveillance. The Privacy Workshop is a great opportunity to collectively decide whether we would rather be treated as citizens or suspects," he said.

Other speakers include legal director of Privacy International, Carly Nyst [UK]; internet-lawyer David Seidler; hacker Eleanor Saitta [USA]; online activist Asher Wolf; law and technology researcher Angela Daly; with tech-entrepreneur Will Dayble and open activist and researcher Cobi Smith as MCs.

"The Privacy Workshop will bring together an assortment of world-class thinkers and industry professionals that will provide a broad perspective on a 21st century definition of privacy," said Jaffe.

If you would like to contribute to the wider discourse on privacy and freedom, tickets to the Privacy Workshop 2014 can be purchased from www.privacyworkshop.com.au

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About The Privacy Workshop

The Privacy Workshop is a world-class symposium on digital privacy, rights, and access that will take place on Friday October 17, 2014 at Deakin Edge, Federation Square.

A range of respected speakers and thought leaders will gather in Melbourne, Australia, for a day of exceptional discourse through lectures, workshops and panel discussions.

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