

The Privacy Workshop 2014
10am to 5.30pm, Friday 17th October 2014
Deakin Edge, Federation Square

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THE PRIVACY WORKSHOP, OCTOBER 17, 2014

Is this post-privacy?

The Privacy Workshop 2014 is a world-class symposium on digital privacy, rights, and access. 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. The Privacy Workshop 2014 is presented by Electron Workshop in partnership with Electronic Frontiers Australia and ThoughtWorks Australia. Founding sponsors include Google, Facebook, and GetUp, with additional support from Serversaurus, CoinJar, Crypton, Hunting With Pixels, SpiderOak, and Squareweave

Our concern:

We are currently witnessing a time in which the laws and culture of [digital] privacy have been unable to keep up with the rapid pace of technological change. We're now at a point where we must reassess privacy as one of the cornerstones of any democratic society which values freedom of expression.

As part of this change, we are now faced with an uncertain ground, where the privacy of the individual interacts with corporations, with governments, and directly with other individuals on an unprecedented scale. With the recent revelations of mass surveillance by governments in cooperation with business, to a rising tide of government interest in data retention laws, who takes control of this uncertain ground, and how does our right to privacy play out in this interconnected landscape? These questions and more have become defining issues for both our politics and society.

Our purpose:

The Privacy Workshop 2014 is convening in order to not take this uncertain ground between technology and culture as a given. With intelligent discourse and public debate, we can shape the way the privacy of the individual interacts with institutions of government and commerce, according to what we value as democratic societies. To forgo this discourse not only risks the exploitation of our privacy, but stands to jeopardise the potential benefits gained from our massive and increasing interconnectedness.

The discussions at the Privacy Workshop 2014 aren't proposals for action - they are the most important action we can take.

Who we are:

The Privacy Workshop 2014 brings together a variety of world-class speakers who are working in their various disciplines to help define what privacy in a digital world can mean. With presentations by politicians, technologists, journalists, lawyers, thinkers, programmers, and industry professionals, the Workshop aims to present a wide diversity of leaders dedicated to a 21st century definition of privacy.

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Masters of ceremony on the 17th of October

Will Dayble is a tech geek turned social entrepreneur, passionate about things like measuring impact, breaking dumb systems, getting more women into tech roles, and supporting the Australian social startup economy.

Cobi Smith moved to Geneva from Australia to work on geotagx.org, working with UNOSAT/UNITAR based within CERN. Smith is a researcher and practitioner in science communications, as well as being involved in a range of projects that bridge technology and culture.

List of speakers & panelists

(complete bios available on our website)

Scott Ludlam

Scott Ludlam was elected in November 2007 and again in April 2014 as an Australian Greens Senator for Western Australia.

Carly Nyst

Carly Nyst is Privacy International's Legal Director, and leads the organization's engagement with international human rights mechanisms and humanitarian organisations.

Tim Wilson

Tim Wilson was appointed Australia's Human Rights Commissioner in February 2014.

Eleanor Saitta

Eleanor Saitta is a nomadic hacker with a vocation of understanding how complex systems fail and redesigning them to work or, at least, fail, better.

Angela Daly

Angela Daly is a research fellow at the Swinburne Institute for Social Research in Melbourne, Australia, and a PhD candidate at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, Italy.

David Seidler

David Seidler is a recent graduate from the University of Sydney Law School and has studied Internet Law at the University of Pennsylvania and Cornell Law School.

Tom Sulston

Tom Sulston works for ThoughtWorks in Melbourne, following a tour of duty that included the UK, Germany, USA, and India.

Asher Wolf

Asher Wolf is a Melbourne-based journalist, internaut, information activist and gonzo political theorist.

Emily Van Der Nagel

Emily Van Der Nagel is a PhD candidate at Swinburne University of Technology.

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