



Digital Regulation

The fundamental things apply

PL&B 39TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, UK 6-8 JULY 2026

Conference themes include:

LAW

- ▶ The EU Digital Omnibus
- ▶ Implementation of the UK's Data Use and Access Act
- ▶ National developments in Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, Latin America and the Middle East
- ▶ Litigation including class actions
- ▶ The role of the criminal law in data privacy
- ▶ Young lawyers reassess today's EU DP regime

MANAGEMENT

- ▶ Cybersecurity ransom scenario
- ▶ Vulnerability beyond children
- ▶ DPA investigations and enforcement

TECH

- ▶ Working with AI and agentic AI
- ▶ Smart data; biometric and behavioural data

**70 SPEAKERS FROM
14 COUNTRIES IN 3 DAYS**

This conference is your ideal opportunity to connect with the key decision-makers at Data Protection Authorities, privacy lawyers and managers of some of the world's most iconic companies.

You will have time to network in this conference with its idyllic ambiance where you will enjoy the charming summer school atmosphere.



Punting on the River Cam, St John's College

A HISTORIC LOCATION

St. John's College was founded in the 16th century and is a beautiful conference centre, combining the best of an old Cambridge atmosphere with modern facilities.

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Will fundamental rights continue to apply to EU-influenced laws?

10 years after their adoption, GDPR principles are widely accepted in Europe and adopted as the gold standard across Asia, Africa, Latin America, Asia-Pacific, Canada and, indeed, the UK.

However, the EU's ambitious initiative to put together its planned digital legislation into one Omnibus Digital Package is now under threat.

The aim of this conference, with sessions from many countries and sectors, is to explore how current data privacy legislation is working, its impact on business and its resilience in the face of commercial and political challenges to its interpretation. The EU's Digital Omnibus Package, including the Data Act, the AI Act, the Digital Markets Act and many more provisions, is an integral part of the EU's current 5 year political programme.

Will this EU cluster of influential data related laws continue to apply fundamental rights. Or will they be weakened under pressure?

Will individuals' rights be reduced at the cost of enabling innovative products and services to flourish?

Stewart Dresner, Founder and Chief Executive

8 added value benefits of attending this conference

1. Meet privacy regulators, lawyers and managers from many countries
2. Add to your knowledge of new data laws and the impact of AI
3. Earn 12 CPE professional development credits
4. Learn from models of good practice
5. Reduce your risk by assessing legal grey areas
6. Increase your ROI, reputation, and avoid fines and sanctions
7. Look ahead to see the trends on the privacy horizon
8. Excellent value with all meals included

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16.00-17.45 Registration in the Divinity School

18.45-19.30 Drinks, First Court

All welcome

19.30-21.00 Dinner in the Wordsworth Room, First Court

Pre-booking required as spaces are limited

Speakers & Chairs by Sector

DATA PROTECTION AUTHORITIES & POLICY MAKERS

Carolina Foglia, EDPB, Belgium

Katharine Hastie-Oldland, ICO, UK

Sophia Ignatidou, ICO, UK

William Malcolm, ICO, UK

Melis Mevsimler, DSIT, UK

Oscar Otieno, ODPC, Kenya

Toby Spanton, ICO, UK

Elisabeth Stafford, DSIT, UK

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Michael Will, Private Sector DPA, Bavaria, Germany

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Shane O'Driscoll, TikTok, UK

Alexandre Owen, ELTEMATE, Portugal

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Aarushi Sahore, Brick Court Chambers, UK

Alex Smallwood, Skadden, UK

Amanda Wang, Dentons, UK

Ashley Winton, Winton & Winton, UK

ACADEMICS & INTEREST GROUPS

Oliver Butler, University of Nottingham, UK

David Erdos, University of Cambridge, UK

Hannah Heilbuth, University of Nottingham, UK

Chiara Manfredini, BEUC, Belgium

Christopher Millard, Queen Mary University of London, UK

Andras Molnar, TUM Think Tank, France

Eugene Oscapella, University of Ottawa, Canada

Dr Anelka M. Phillips, University of Leicester, UK

Ian Walden, Queen Mary University of London, UK

PRIVACY LAWS & BUSINESS

Stewart Dresner, Founder and Chief Executive

Nel Anna Krzeslowska, Researcher

Laura Linkomies, Editor, PL&B Reports

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08.00-17.00 Registration in the Divinity School **08.00-09.00** Breakfast in The Buttery

09.15 Chairman's welcome and introduction: Digital Regulation: The fundamental things apply
Stewart Dresner, Founder and Chief Executive, Privacy Laws & Business, UK

09.30 UK Data (Use and Access) Act: Do the fundamental things still apply?

Melis Mevsimler, Head of Automated Decision Making & Fairness, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), UK

Elisabeth Stafford, Head, Data Protection Act Reform, DSIT, UK; **Stephanie Simmonds**, EMEA Privacy Lead, EY, UK
 Chair: **Greg Palmer**, Partner, Linklaters, UK

10.15 Young lawyers reassess today's EU Data Protection Regime for tomorrow's AI Systems

Devora Ivanova, Legal & Privacy Counsel, Qover, Belgium

Alexandre Owen, Technology and Legal Consultant at ELTEMATE, a Hogan Lovells technology company, Portugal

Victor Verbraeken, Consultant, EY, The Netherlands

Chair: **Doug McMahon**, Partner, McCann FitzGerald, Ireland

11.00 Coffee Break – sponsored by Dentons

11.30 The EU Digital Omnibus and other ongoing developments: The EDPB's perspective

Carolina Foglia, Head of Sector, Legal Affairs, Cooperation and Enforcement, European Data Protection Board Secretariat

Chair: **Rebecca Cousin**, Head of Privacy, Senior Consultant, Slaughter and May, UK

PARALLEL SESSION 1:

12.15 Navigating Emerging Cybersecurity Laws: A Live Ransom Scenario

Gareth Bateman, Director, CrowdStrike, UK

Alex Smallwood, Associate, Skadden, UK

Chair: **Nicola Kerr-Shaw**, Counsel, Skadden, UK

PARALLEL SESSION 2:

12.15 Latin America: Overview of privacy law developments

Pablo Palazzi, Partner, Allende & Brea, Argentina

Chair: **Christopher Millard**, Professor of Privacy and

Information Law, Queen Mary University of London, UK

13.00 Lunch – sponsored by Freshfields

14.00 Litigating algorithms: Lessons from the courts

Ravi Naik, Legal Director, AWO, UK; **Christopher Knight KC**, 11KBW, UK

Aarushi Sahore, Barrister, Brick Court Chambers, UK

Chair: **Ashley Winton**, Solicitor and Director, Winton & Winton, UK

PARALLEL SESSION 1:

14.45 Digital vulnerability: Data privacy and consumer law compared

Chiara Manfredini, Legal and Policy Officer, BEUC (European consumer organisation), Belgium

Hannah Heilbuth, PhD Researcher, University of Nottingham and EPSRC Horizon Centre for Doctoral Training, UK

Chair: **Beatrice Cavicchioli**, Senior Privacy and Product Counsel, k-ID, UK

PARALLEL SESSION 2:

14.45 How Singapore is leading harmonisation and interoperability of regulatory regimes in Southeast Asia

Adeline Tung, Director (Policy & Technology), Personal Data Protection Commission, Singapore

Chair: **Justin Weiss**, Senior Director, Crowell Global Advisors, USA

15.30 Tea – sponsored by Dentons

16.00 DEBATE – This House considers there is a need for specific laws to govern the use of online services by children

In the historic Cambridge Union Society where the debating chamber is modelled on the House of Commons in Westminster

For: **Ian Walden**, Professor of Information and Communications Law, Queen Mary University of London, UK

Against: **TBC**

Chair: **Christopher Millard**, Professor of Privacy and Information Law, Queen Mary University of London, UK

Seconders: All conference participants may apply to speak as a seconder. Contact us stating the side for which you wish to speak as a seconder and state briefly the points you wish to make in the debate.

17.00 Close

18.00 Social Programme

For further information see the Social Programme box

18.45 Drinks, Chapel Court – sponsored by Meta

19.30 Dinner in the Hall – sponsored by Slaughter and May

Entertainment: **Sambossa**

08.00-17.15 Registration in the Divinity School**08.00-09.00** Breakfast in The Buttery**PARALLEL SESSION 1:****09.00** Securing AI agents: Cyber security issues and practical mitigations

Emma Redmond, Head of Privacy and Data Protection EU, Head of Ireland, AGC, OpenAI, Ireland

Toby Spanton, Director of ICO Legal Service (Data Privacy Advice), ICO, UK

Steve Roosa, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright, USA

Chair: **Rosie Nance**, Senior Knowledge Lawyer, Norton Rose Fulbright, UK

PARALLEL SESSION 2:**09.00** Comedy of Privacy Errors (in an internal investigation)

Antonios Patrikios, Partner, Dentons, UK

Samantha Sayers, Global Head of Privacy, Risk & Compliance and Data Protection Officer, Bolt, UK

Amanda Wang, Associate, Dentons, UK

Chair: **Tatiana Kruse**, Of Counsel, Dentons, UK

09.45 Data Protection Enforcement Trends across Europe

Katharine Hastie-Oldland, Director of Legal Service (Enforcement), ICO, UK

Michael Will, Data Protection Authority for the Private Sector, Bavaria, Germany

Niamh Sweeney, Data Protection Commissioner, Ireland

Carmine Andrea Trovato, Legal Officer, Garante, Italy

Chair: **David Erdos**, Professor of Law and the Open Society, Trinity Hall Fellow in Law, University of Cambridge

10.45 Coffee Break – sponsored by Dentons**11.15** AI Compliance: An international implementation perspective

Geraldine Henbest, Vice-President and DPO, ICF, UK

Michael Parker, Assistant General Counsel, Director, Europe & Asia, ICF, UK

Chair: **Peter Church**, TMT Counsel, Linklaters, UK

PARALLEL SESSION 1:**12.00** Saudi Arabia, UAE and Regional Enforcement Trends

Masha Ooijevaar, Legal Director, CMS, UAE

Speaker TBC

Chair: **Stewart Dresner**, Chief Executive, PL&B, UK

PARALLEL SESSION 2:**12.00** Smart Data: Turning access into advantage.

Cecilia Alvarez, EMEA Privacy Policy Director, Meta, Spain

Marie Walker, Open Futurist, Raidiam, UK

Chair: **Rachael Annear**, Partner, Freshfields, UK

12.45 Lunch – sponsored by Freshfields**13.45** Excessive reliance on the criminal law damages physical and data privacy

Eugene Oscapella, Barrister and Solicitor, Department of Criminology, University of Ottawa and Oscapella and Associates Consulting, Canada

Chair: **Dr Oliver Butler**, Assistant Professor in Law, School of Law, University of Nottingham

14.30 Africa: Cross Border Enforcement Collaborations

Oscar Otieno, Senior Deputy Data Commissioner, Office of the Data Protection Commissioner, Kenya

Chair: **Laura Linkomies**, Editor, Privacy Laws & Business, UK

15.15 Tea Break – sponsored by Dentons**15.45** Biometric and behavioural data: Navigating divergent regulation in the EU, UK and US

Calum Docherty, Partner, Latham & Watkins, UK; **Robert Brown**, Partner, Latham & Watkins, USA

Dr Andelka M. Phillips, Associate Professor, Leicester Law School, University of Leicester, UK

Chair: **James Lloyd**, Partner, Latham & Watkins, UK

PARALLEL SESSION 1:**16.30** How to deploy AI within a data legal framework

Richard Nicholas, Partner, Browne Jacobson, UK

Nel Anna Krzeslowska, Researcher, PL&B, UK

Chair: **Stewart Dresner**, Chief Executive, PL&B, UK

PARALLEL SESSION 2:**16.30** Beyond regulatory sandboxes to more agile, learning orientated models

Andras Molnar, Senior Digital Policy Manager & Director of Online Safety at the TUM Think Tank, Affiliate at Harvard University, Paris, France

Adeline Tung, Director (Policy & Technology), Personal Data Protection Commission, Singapore

Chair: **William Malcolm**, Executive Director, Regulatory Risk, ICO, UK

- 17.00** Close
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- 18.00** Social Programme
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- 18.45** Drinks, River Court – sponsored by Linklaters
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- 19.30** Dinner in the Hall

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 5 JULY

- 18.00** Organ Recital, St. John's College Chapel
- 18.30** Evensong with The Choir of St John's College, St. John's College Chapel
- 18.45** Drinks, First Court
All welcome
- 19.30** Dinner in the Wordsworth Room, First Court
- 21.00-22.30** Drinks, St John's College Bar

MONDAY 6 JULY

- 18.00** Cambridge Guided Walk
A qualified guide will lead participants to some of the historic highlights of Cambridge near St John's College
- 18.00** Guided Walk around St John's College Gardens
- 18.00** Visit to The Old Library, St. John's College
- 18.30** Evensong with The Choir of St John's College, St. John's College Chapel
- 18.45** Drinks, Chapel Court – sponsored by Meta
- 19.30** Dinner in The Hall – sponsored by Slaughter and May
- 21.00-23.59** Drinks, St John's College Bar

TUESDAY 7 JULY

- 18.00** Chauffered Punting on the River Cam, Lower River Court
Free chauffeured punts on a first come first served basis
- 18.00** Tour of the Portraits at St John's College
- 18.30** Evensong with The Choir of St John's College, St. John's College Chapel
- 18.45** Drinks, River Court – sponsored by Linklaters
- 19.30** Dinner in The Hall
- 21.00-23.59** Drinks, St John's College Bar



08.00-14.00 Registration in the Divinity School

08.00-09.00 Breakfast in The Buttery

PARALLEL SESSION 1:
09.30 From patient to product:
Privacy hurdles in health data re-use

Joanne Blazey, Global Privacy Counsel, Envista, UK

Peter McLaughlin, Principal, PMA PLLC, USA

Chair: James Clark, Partner, Spencer West, UK

PARALLEL SESSION 2:
09.30 From consent to user control:
Privacy in the age of agentic AI

Deirdre Moynihan, Partner, Kemp IT Law, UK

Aga Strandskov, Head of Data Strategy, Digital Isle of Man

Jamie Smith, Founder, Customer Futures, UK

 Chair: Geoff Smith, Partner, Quaylogic,
and Professor, Loughborough University, UK

10.15 The legal fallout of cyber incidents: class actions, supply chain litigation and clashes with authorities

Rosalie Brand, Partner, Kennedy Van der Laan, The Netherlands

Ian Birdsey, Partner, Clyde & Co, UK

11.00 Coffee Break – sponsored by Dentons

11.30 Agentic AI: Navigating data protection compliance in the age of autonomous systems

Sophia Ignatidou, Head of AI (Regulatory Policy and Supervision), ICO, UK

Daniel Lousqui, Assistant General Counsel, International Privacy & AI, Vanguard, UK

Pal Vaczi, Global Privacy Director, Booking Holdings, UK

Chair: Sarah O'Brien, Partner, Stephenson Harwood, UK

12.15 The lifecycle of a privacy investigation: Fundamentals from incident to litigation

Shane O'Driscoll, Head of Litigation for EMEA and Asia, TikTok, UK

Gráinne Ní Ghuidhir, Head of Privacy Investigations for Europe, TikTok, Ireland

Francesca Bonner-Evans, Counsel, Linklaters, UK

Chair: Ben Packer, Partner, Linklaters, UK

13.00 Lunch – sponsored by Freshfields

14.00 Navigating complaints and DSARs in the UK's Data Use and Access Act: Where do you draw the line?

JP Buckley, Partner, Lewis Silkin, UK

Rachel Nyasani, Senior Privacy & AI Governance Consultant, Pembroke Privacy, UK

Alison Deighton, Director, Hello DPO, UK

Chair: JP Buckley, Partner Lewis Silkin, UK

14.45 Practical data privacy implementation in any jurisdiction

This session will run as 3 parallel Roundtables for in-person participants only. They will not be streamed or recorded.

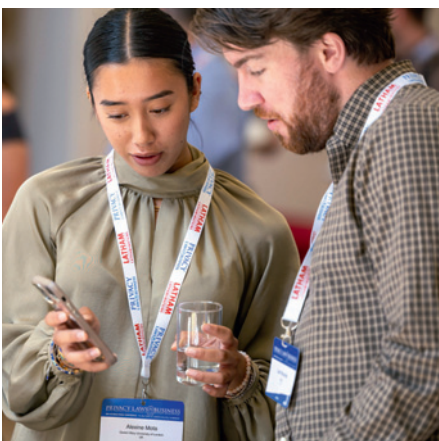
JP Buckley, Partner, Lewis Silkin, UK

Alison Deighton, Director, HelloDPO, UK

Rachel Nyasani, Senior Privacy & AI Governance Consultant, Pembroke Privacy, UK

15.45 Close and Tea – sponsored by Dentons

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- ▶ Lawyers
- ▶ Data Protection Regulators
- ▶ AI Advisors
- ▶ Privacy Advocates
- ▶ Ethics Advisors
- ▶ Data Scientists
- ▶ Data Protection Advisers & Trainers
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