

## Editorial

It is my pleasure to be the guest editor of this special edition of EJLT. I present a collection of papers building on presentations given at the British and Irish Law, Education and Technology Association[1] conference at the University of Aberdeen[2] in 2018. This annual event is a key milestone in the calendars (intellectual and social) of law, technology and education scholars across the globe. As I write this brief editorial, I look forward to us all gathering again at Queen's University Belfast in 2019[3]. Other papers building on the Aberdeen conference were published in the International Review of Law, Computers and Technology[4], and readers are highly recommended to enjoy that collection too.

This collection of high-quality papers reflects the diversity of issues, and methodologies and approaches, explored in Aberdeen and under the BILETA umbrella. Data protection and privacy is one common theme. Ingrida Milkaite and Eva Lievens explore Children's Rights and Data Protection; Stephanie van Maltzan assesses data protection and cybersecurity from the perspective of incident response tools; Trix Mulder evaluates health apps and their privacy policies; Lorenzo Dalla Corte explores scoping personal data; Plixavra Vogiatzoglou reflects on mass surveillance and objectivity; Ronan Kennedy considers transparency and privacy in the context of the Internet of Things; and Oliver Vetterman discusses identity theft. Linked to that theme, but importantly distinct, is analysis by Henry Pearce and Sophia Stalla-Bourdion of freedom of information in the context of anonymisation exploration. Another theme is emerging and ongoing challenges regarding online activity. Burkhard Schafer and Lamprini Georgiou assess open and fair trial in the social media era; and Argyro Chatzinikolaou and Eva Lievens in their typology of online sexual acts involving children. Finally, there is the intellectual property theme. Artificial intelligence and its impact on intellectual property rights are considered by Dominika Galajdova and also by Jan Zibner; and intellectual property and digital heritage are analysed by Michal Koscik and Matěj Myška.

In closing, I must extend my sincere thanks to all contributors, all reviewers and Abhilash Nair and Laura Hyde at EJLT for their hard work and support. I hope that readers find this collection – individually and collectively – enjoyable and thought provoking. I would encourage anyone with an interest in technology, law and education to become involved in BILETA and its activities.

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[1] <http://www.bileta.ac.uk/>

[2] <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/law/events/bileta-conference-611.php>

[3] <https://biletabelfast.net/>

[4] <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cirl20/current>