Chairs news

> The Personal Data Values and Policies Chair celebrates its first birthday

The Institut Mines-Télécom's Personal Data Values and Policies Chair is presenting its research over the past year and the action that it has taken with its partners Groupe Imprimerie Nationale, BNP Paribas, Dassault Systèmes, Deveryware and the French Commission on Information Technology and Liberties (CNIL) at a public lecture on 1st April.

Since April 2013, researchers working for the Personal Data Values and Policies Chair have been studying the legal aspects of regulation and compliance, the technical aspects of systems and data security, the economic issues surrounding the sharing of personal data and the philosophical questions of responsible use of data and possible social consequences. More specifically, their research has focused on:
- digital identities at European level, with a particular focus on the issues of protecting personal data and managing multiple identities;
- big data and the reasonable use of personal data, which is vital to building user trust (including in particular the implementation of labels guaranteeing a high level of protection);
- the value of individuals' contributions (both voluntary and unintentional) in their use of the Internet, as well as the motivations and expectations of contributors.

What does the future hold for digital identity?
A current big issue for researchers in this field is the rise of digital identity systems used by both the public and private sectors. These systems take many different forms and are changing our current and future usage, raising the issue of the social consequences of decisions that will soon be implemented across Europe. The Chair's research provides areas for consideration in the development of a possible French model for digital identity.

More staff recruited to research social consequences
The Personal Data Values and Policies Chair brings together a multidisciplinary team of researchers from within the Institut Mines-Télécom (Télécom ParisTech, Télécom SudParis and Télécom Ecole de Management). 'Our team has expanded over the course of the year with the arrival of a philosophy researcher who is working on the links between technical decisions and user appropriation processes, as well as a PhD student in computer science whose research focuses on the technical aspects of identity,' explains Chair Coordinator Claire Levallois-Barth. 'The scope of our research will widen further in the year ahead, with a greater focus on Big Data and contribution economics. The Chair is always open to working with new industry partners, particularly in the field of the Internet of Things and Transport.'

Putting our research into perspective through public lectures
Over the past year, the Chair's researchers and their partners have organized several public lectures at the Institut Mines-Télécom to share their research with a wider audience. The lecture on 1st April is the 6th in this series and will focus on the processing of personal data in criminal investigations.

Find out more about the Personal Data Values and Policies Chair by visiting http://cvpip.wp.mines-telecom.fr
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