



Per il ciclo di incontri "i Mercoledì di Nexa"

42° Mercoledì di Nexa

## Data Protection Today: Challenges and Perspectives

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(2° mercoledì del mese)

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On the occasion of the 42nd Nexa Wednesday, **Eleonora Bassi**, fellow at the Nexa Center for Internet & Society, and **Maria Bottis**, assistant professor at Ionian University (Information Law), will discuss the key current issue of data protection. In January 2012, the European Commission has proposed a comprehensive reform of the EU's 1995 data protection rules **to strengthen online privacy rights and boost Europe's digital economy** (<http://tinyurl.com/data-protection-eu>). It consists in a Regulation setting out a general EU framework for data protection and a Directive on protecting personal data processed for the purposes of prevention, detection, investigation or prosecution of criminal offences and related judicial activities.

New rules focus on: enhancing a single market for personal data, on the one hand removing unnecessary administrative requirements for companies and on the other hand increasing responsibility and accountability for personal data processing (introducing Data breach notifications, Data Protection Officers, Binding corporate rules, Data Protection Impact Assessment...), strengthening National Supervisor Authorities' powers and cooperation, reinforcing individuals' rights giving people more control over their personal data and make it easier to access it (with new rules on consent, on data portability and on the right to information).

They also include the right to be forgotten, that has generated great debate. It has been created especially for the online environment: the online users' right to have their data deleted if they withdraw their consent and if there are no other legitimate grounds for retaining the data.

**The meeting will be held in English and Italian (no translation provided).**

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## Biographies:

**Eleonora Bassi**, fellow at the Nexa Center for Internet & Society. She holds a Degree in Law (cum laude) and a PhD in Philosophy of Law and Legal Theory (University of Turin, 2007). Her main research fields are legal theory, privacy and data protection law, fundamental rights. In collaboration with the Nexa Center she has been involved in the **EVPSI research project** (<http://www.evpsi.org/>), in the **LAPSI Thematic Network** (<http://lapsi-project.eu/>) and in the **OPEN-DAI project** (<http://www.open-dai.eu/>) studying privacy issues related to open data policies.

**Maria Bottis**, assistant professor, Information law, Ionian University (Corfu, Greece). She holds a law Degree (with honors) from Athens Law School, a LLM degree (Cambridge Law School, UK, 1991), a LLM degree (Yale Law School, 1992) and a PhD on medical information law (University of Athens). She was appointed a Faculty Fellow at Harvard University, **Center for Ethics and the Professions** (2000-2001). She is an elected member of the board of the **International Society for Ethics and Technology** (<http://inseit.net/>) and author of many books and international publications on data protection, digital divide, library ethics, privacy medical/health law and intellectual property.

## Recommended readings and links

- The proposal of the European Commission to reform of the EU's 1995 data protection rules [http://ec.europa.eu/justice/data-protection/document/review2012/com\\_2012\\_11\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/data-protection/document/review2012/com_2012_11_en.pdf)
- EU Data Protection Reform [http://www.edps.europa.eu/EDPSWEB/edps/site/mySite/Reform\\_package](http://www.edps.europa.eu/EDPSWEB/edps/site/mySite/Reform_package)
- Article 29 Data Protection Working Party [http://ec.europa.eu/justice/data-protection/article-29/documentation/opinion-recommendation/files/2012/wp191\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/data-protection/article-29/documentation/opinion-recommendation/files/2012/wp191_en.pdf)

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Il Centro Nexa su Internet e Società del Politecnico di Torino (Dipartimento di Automatica e Informatica) è un centro di ricerca indipendente che studia da diversi punti di vista le varie componenti di Internet, la "più grande invenzione del secolo" secondo il Premio Nobel Rita Levi Montalcini. Maggiori informazioni all'indirizzo: <http://nexa.polito.it>.

Durante i "mercoledì di Nexa", che si tengono ogni 2° mercoledì del mese alle ore 18, il Centro di ricerca Nexa su Internet e Società apre le sue porte non solo agli esperti e a tutti coloro i quali lavorano con Internet, ma anche a semplici appassionati e cittadini. Il ciclo di incontri intende approfondire, con un linguaggio preciso ma divulgativo, i temi legati al web e al suo sempre più ricco mondo: motori di ricerca, Creative Commons, social networks, open source/software libero, neutralità della rete, libertà di espressione, privacy, file sharing e molto altro.

Al centro di quasi tutti gli incontri un ospite pronto a dialogare e confrontarsi sugli argomenti scelti per il dibattito, insieme con i direttori del Centro Nexa, il Prof. Juan Carlos De Martin del Politecnico di Torino (responsabile italiano del progetto Creative Commons) e il Prof. Marco Ricolfi dell'Università di Torino, nonché lo staff e i Fellows del Centro Nexa.

Maggiori informazioni sui mercoledì di Nexa, incluso un elenco di tutti i "mercoledì" passati, sono disponibili all'indirizzo: <http://nexa.polito.it/mercoledi>.

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