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Track 14: Security and Privacy in Information Systems: Legal and Regulatory issues

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Introduction

The field of Information Systems has expanded significantly over the past few years and provides the potential for vast and varied applications, bringing with it both promises and perils. Information Systems are confronted with a number of security and privacy challenges, which present great interest from a legal and regulatory point of view. The collection and processing of personal data in Information Systems raise concerns regarding the rights and freedoms of individuals involved. People interact in new ways using information and communication technologies, creating online communities, interacting in social networking sites or participating in virtual worlds, such as Second Life. Individuals reveal a great number of their personal information without realising, in many instances, the dangers it entails to their privacy.

This track aims at focusing on the legal and regulatory research conducted in the field of Information Systems. It wishes to bring together researchers, educators, policy makers and practitioners in a creative dialogue on privacy and security, seen from a legal and regulatory point of view.

Suggested topics (but not limited to):

- Legal and Ethical Assessment of Information and Communication Technologies
- Privacy issues in social networking sites
- Trust and reputation in online communities
- Privacy considerations in Ambient Intelligence
- Identity in virtual worlds
- Privacy in the Internet (search engines, behavioural advertising etc.)
- Unsolicited communications and privacy implications
- Data retention challenges for ISPs (the recent EU Directive)
- Personal data breaches
- Biometrics and privacy
- Employees' monitoring – privacy at workplace

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