



# 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Privacy Laws Symposium 3 & 4 March 2010



## Outline for participants

The [Cyberspace Law & Policy Centre](#) at UNSW Faculty of Law in Sydney will host an academic Symposium on *Asian Privacy Laws* on 3 & 4 March 2010, preceded on 2 March by a one day Continuing Legal Education course providing an overview of the same subject (programme attached). The Symposium is part of the [Interpreting Privacy Principles \(iPP\) project](#) funded by the Australian Research Council. It aims to bring together the best privacy/data protection scholars from around Asia (and some from Australia and New Zealand) for an intensive discussion of the meaning and future of privacy/data protection in Asia.

The two day Symposium will focus on three broad themes:

- 1 ***The meaning and interpretation of privacy principles in data protection legislation*** in Asian (and Australasian) jurisdictions, and the question of whether any 'Asia-Pacific privacy jurisprudence' is emerging or might emerge. Are our laws really similar? What worthwhile innovations do they have? What do reported cases tell us? Are our privacy principles coping with technological and social change? Do we need new principles such as for data breach notification?
- 2 ***The effectiveness of these laws and the available evidence of this.*** What standards should be used to measure effectiveness? Question such as the most effective types of Data Protection Agencies, the powers and functions they should have, and how to measure effectiveness, will be a focus.
- 3 ***The relevance of international data protection agreements/standards to these laws,*** and to the future development of privacy laws across Asia. The significance in Asia of the EU Directive, APEC Framework, and accession to the Council of Europe Convention, will be among the matters considered.

There will also be some less formal discussion about ***privacy advocacy in Asia***: what are the most effective ways that academics and NGOs can contribute to privacy/data protection policy developments in Asia and the Pacific, and in the development of global standards? Some NGO representatives will attend as well as academics. A few 'privacy officials' who we consider would contribute to academic discussion have also been invited.

There are many issues relevant to privacy, particularly the development of surveillance systems in Asian countries, that could be the focus of a later Symposium on surveillance developments in Asia. This Symposium will keep the focus on data protection laws.

The Symposium is by invitation only, limited to about 30 people, with the expectation that all those attending will participate in the discussions. Suggestions for further invitees from the academic/NGO sectors are welcome, but the numbers invited will be quite limited, as most places are already taken. It will take place in the Moot Court, Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales. A book by Symposium participants, developed from presentations and discussions, could be planned for 2011 if the Symposium participants desire. Follow-up Symposia will be discussed.

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