



The IPSI Lecture Series Presents:



There has Never been a Greater Need to Embed Privacy and Security, by Design: Tech Research is Essential

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Privacy is increasingly under siege. With the growth of ubiquitous computing, online connectivity, social media, wireless and wearable devices, people are being led to believe they have no choice but to give up on privacy. This is not the case! Dr. Cavoukian will outline a privacy framework called Privacy by Design that will enable our privacy and our freedom, to live well into the future.

While some believe that fundamental privacy protections will be challenged by the operation of Big Data analytics and the Internet of Things, Dr. Cavoukian dispels the notion that privacy acts as a barrier to analytics and the innovations they can spark. Quite the opposite: Privacy breeds innovation and prosperity! She argues that the limiting paradigm of “zero-sum” – that you can either have privacy or innovation, but not both – is an outdated, win/lose model of approaching the question of privacy in the age of Big Data and IoT. Instead, a “positive-sum” solution is needed in which the interests of both sides may be met, in a doubly-enabling, win-win manner through Privacy by Design (PbD). PbD is predicated on the rejection of zero-sum propositions by proactively identifying the risks and embedding the necessary protective measures into the design and data architecture involved. This area is ripe for new research including machine learning, encryption, AI, blockchain and other developing technologies. Dr. Cavoukian will demonstrate how you can embed privacy into virtually any system or operation to achieve positive-sum outcomes, enabling both privacy and data utility – not one at the expense of the other. Let us preserve our privacy, which forms the foundation of freedom and prosperity.

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Dr. Ann Cavoukian is recognized as one of the world’s leading privacy experts. She is presently the Executive Director of the Privacy and Big Data Institute at Ryerson University. Appointed as the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, Canada in 1997, Dr. Cavoukian served an unprecedented three terms as Commissioner. In that time, she elevated the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner from a novice regulatory body to a first-class agency, known around the world for its cutting edge innovation and leadership. There she created Privacy by Design, a framework that seeks to proactively embed privacy into the design specifications of information technologies, networked infrastructure and business practices, thereby achieving the strongest protection possible. In October 2010, regulators at the International Conference of Data Protection Authorities and Privacy Commissioners unanimously passed a Resolution recognizing Privacy by Design as an essential component of fundamental privacy protection. This was followed by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission’s inclusion of Privacy by Design as one of three recommended practices for protecting online privacy – a major validation of its significance. Since then, PbD has been translated into 38 languages, giving it a true global presence. Dr. Cavoukian is the author of two books, “The Privacy Payoff: How Successful Businesses Build Customer Trust” and “Who Knows: Safeguarding Your Privacy in a Networked World.” She has also written numerous articles and Op-Eds, and has been invited to sit on many Boards and committees such as the Expert Committee on Police Carding.

Dr. Cavoukian’s expertise has been recognized in many ways. She was: ranked among the top 25 Women of Influence, recognizing her contribution to the Canadian and global economy; named one of the top 100 City Innovators Worldwide by UBM Future Cities for her passionate advocacy of Privacy by Design; chosen as one of the ‘Power 50’ by Canadian Business magazine for her tireless efforts as a privacy champion; awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Guelph; selected for Maclean’s Magazines ‘Power List’ of the top 50 Canadians; picked as one of the top 10 women in data security, compliance, and privacy you should follow on Twitter; recognized as one of two Founders of Canada’s Digital Economy at IdentityNorth 2016 and most recently identified as one of Lawfare’s top 250 female technology experts. In her leadership of the Privacy and Big Data Institute at Ryerson University, Dr. Cavoukian is dedicated to demonstrating that Privacy can and must be included, side by side, with other functionalities such as security and business interests. Her mantra of “banish zero-sum” enables multiple interests to be served simultaneously – not one, to the exclusion of another.