

## UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy

### **‘Privacy: A Gender Perspective’**

The UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy (SRP) invites you to an international consultation on his preliminary report on ‘Privacy and Gender’.<sup>1</sup> The consultation will be held in New York on 30-31 October, 2019, at the New York University. The host for this international consultation is the Law School of New York University.

The preliminary report’s findings were that privacy is experienced differently according to gender and compounded by race, age, socio economic independence and other factors. Gender- differentiated impacts on privacy were found in all areas of life – health; education; recreation and social life; professional and civic life. Breaches of privacy based on gender, gender identity and expression were seen as a systemic form of denial of human rights, frequently reflecting and perpetuating unequal social, economic, cultural and political structures and norms. The draft recommendations focus on actions needed at international, regional and domestic levels by State and Non-State actors.

The consultation will explore from an international perspective:

1. The gender issues arising in the digital era in, for example health, surveillance, social media, and the value of privacy in addressing gender- differentiated impacts
2. Initiatives and responses to gender- differentiated impacts on privacy
3. Challenges needing to be addressed, and
4. Recommendations to address gender based differences in the right to privacy

The program topics will include issues concerning privacy and data protection regulation; health impacts including the ‘body as data’ and physical autonomy; policy and legal reforms in areas such as identity documentation and expectations of privacy in public and private places; social media and gender based violence; AI and automated decision making; responses of platform providers; and, Government initiatives.

The Special Rapporteur seeks feedback from stakeholders including Member States, Human Rights Institutions, Non-governmental organisations, platform providers, individuals, civil society and researchers. The feedback is an important input to the SRP’s final report to the Human Rights Council in March 2020.

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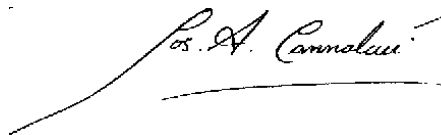
<sup>1</sup> The preliminary report is Annex 2 in the SRP’s 2019 Annual Report to the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/63) <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Privacy/SR/Pages/AnnualReports.aspx>

The report and consultation are part of the work of the SRP's Taskforce on 'Privacy and Personality'. The program is being developed as we receive both suggested items and speakers.

Please contact Dr Elizabeth Coombs, Chair, SRP Taskforce "A better understanding of privacy" at [ecoom02@sec.research.um.edu.mt](mailto:ecoom02@sec.research.um.edu.mt), with cc to Ms. Krystal Abi Habib at [kabihabib@ohchr.org](mailto:kabihabib@ohchr.org), Human Rights Officer, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, if you are interested in being a speaker/panel discussant or for enquiries concerning the consultation.

Registration, venue and other details are provided below.

I look forward to welcoming you to this important consultation on 'Privacy and Gender'.

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Joseph A. Cannataci - Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy

## **Registration, Venue and Accommodation Details**

### **Registration:**

Please register your participation using this *link below*  
<https://ohchr-survey.unoq.ch/index.php/864339?lang=en>

### **Venue:**

Lester Pollack Colloquium Room,  
9th floor of Furman Hall  
Law School  
245 Sullivan Street (between Washington Square South and West Third Street)  
New York University  
New York, NY 10012

### **Map:**

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### **Accommodation:**

New York University has provided a list of hotels, available here:

<https://www.nyu.edu/life/travel-and-transportation/nyu-traveler/preferred-hotels.html#ny>

Please note the rates quoted are those applicable to NYU events and unlikely to apply to an event organised by an outside body, also, we will not be able to assist in booking accommodation.

**Transport:**

Transport options to reach the Law School are available here:

<https://www.law.nyu.edu/about/visitorinformation>