



Emerging Scholars Event 2022: Technology, Regulation and Politics

Date: Wednesday 25 May 2022
Time: 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm AWST (3.00 pm – 4.00 pm AEST)
Format: Online (MS Teams) and in person
Venue: BGC Centre Conference Room, Ground Floor, 28 The Esplanade,
Perth, WA 6000

This is a free public event but registration is essential. A link will be provided to registrants shortly before 25 May

The Australian Academy of Law is delighted to host this event
chaired by Professor Erika Techera, UWA Law School

The Speakers will be:



Dr Michael Wilson, who will present on: ‘The problem of going dark and the politics of end-to-end encryption’

Dr Michael Wilson (Lecturer, Murdoch University) is researching the ‘problem of going dark’ and the politics of end-to-end encryption (E2EE). Contemporary debates about encryption law and policy are dominated by competing claims about the necessity, proportionality, and accountability of digital surveillance powers, which invariably favour the advocates of ‘responsible encryption’ laws. Within this presentation, Dr Wilson specifies an alternative principle of ‘cryptographic justice’ to articulate the social and political value of E2EE within information societies.

Helen Stamp, who will present on ‘Reckless tolerance: The importance of corporate criminal accountability for harm caused by autonomous digital systems.’



Helen Stamp (PhD candidate, UWA) is researching corporate criminal accountability frameworks for harm caused through the use of autonomous digital systems, particularly autonomous vehicles and lethal autonomous weapons systems. Academic debate on accountability for these systems has focussed on

liability given that decision making responsibilities are shared between a human and the autonomous digital system. In this presentation, Helen will explore these issues by examining the role of Uber Advanced Technologies Group in the 2018 incident where an Uber ATG autonomous vehicle struck and killed a pedestrian. Four years later, it is only the human operator who now faces a charge of negligent homicide despite the US National Transportation Safety Board finding multiple safety and technical flaws on the part of Uber ATG.



James Carpenter, who will present on ‘What Happens when Autonomously-Driven Vehicles Cause Injuries? The Implementation of Regulatory Frameworks to Address the Issue of Liability and Compensation.’

James Carpenter (PhD candidate, Curtin University) is investigating how our existing compensation schemes will need to change with the rise of autonomous vehicles. This investigation will examine what needs to change when we no longer have an identifiable actor in the form of a driver. In this presentation James will explain some of the major legal issues that need to be examined and why current legal scheme for holding drivers accountable may not be appropriate for the autonomous vehicle future.

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