



## Conference

### **The Future of the European Security Architecture. The CJEU's decision on Passenger Name Records and beyond**

23-24 February 2023 | [KNAW, Het Trippenhuis](#)

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As threats to public security become more complex and globalised, national and targeted security strategies are increasingly replaced by a European security architecture. This security approach, also visible in asylum and immigration policies, relies on the extensive use of personal data collected in large-scale databases which are rendered interoperable and searchable through modern and potentially self-learning technologies. The EU Directive on the use of Passenger Name Records (PNR Directive) is at the heart of this emerging European security architecture. It instrumentalizes private air carriers for the indiscriminate collection and state-led automated analysis of PNR datasets relating to hundreds of millions of air passengers. Hence, when the Court of Justice of the EU decided in *Ligue des droits humains* (Case C-817/19) on the PNR Directive's compatibility with EU law, it simultaneously rendered a landmark decision on this emerging European security architecture.

The objective of this conference is to explore from a multi-disciplinary perspective the far-reaching consequences that the PNR decision has on the future of the European security architecture, the protection of fundamental rights, and the accountability of different actors, including EU agencies. In light of the PNR decision, the conference seeks to address four themes: (1) the role of Artificial Intelligence in EU security governance; (2) the requirements for independent oversight mechanisms and judicial review; (3) the limits of national security exceptions; and (4) public-private collaborations and the protection of privacy and other fundamental rights.

## PROGRAMME

### **Thursday, 23 February**

**13:00-13:30** Welcome and registration

**13:30-14:00** Introductory remarks

**14:00-15:30** The use of AI by European Law Enforcement Authorities after the PNR Decision

*Chair:* Christian Thönnnes (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law)

*Speakers:* Yordanka Ivanova (European Commission) | Brent Mittelstadt (Oxford University) | Niovi Vavoula (Queen Mary University London) | Daniel Mügge (University of Amsterdam) | Ralf Poscher (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law)

**15:30-16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:00-17:30 The limits of national security exceptions**

*Chair:* Stefan Salomon (University of Amsterdam)

*Speakers:* Els de Busser (Leiden University) | Didier Bigo (Sciences Po Paris) | Thorsten Wetzling (Stiftung Neue Verantwortung Berlin) | Rocco Bellanova (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

**19:00 Dinner for speakers @Restaurant Incanto, Amstel 2, 1017 Amsterdam**

*Dinner speech:* Max Steinbeis (Verfassungsblog)

**Friday, 24 February**

**9:00-9:30 Morning Coffee**

**9:30-11:00 Large-Scale Data Processing at the Borders and Fundamental Rights: Judicial and Non-Judicial Oversight after the PNR decision**

*Chair:* Evelien Brouwer (Utrecht University)

*Speakers:* Fanny Coudert (European Data Protection Supervisor) | Janneke Gerards (Utrecht University) | Bijan Moini (Gesellschaft für Freiheitsrechte, Berlin) | Melanie Fink (Leiden University)

**11:00-11:30 Coffee Break**

**11:30-13:00 EU Privacy Standards and public/private collaboration: what standards apply?**

*Chair:* Elspeth Guild (Queen Mary University)

*Speakers:* Tamas Molnar (Fundamental Rights Agency) | Amanda Musco Eklund (Umeå University) | Magdalena Brewczyńska (Tilburg University) | Chloé Berthélémy (European Digital Rights)

**Closing Remarks**

**Lunch @art gallery droog, staalstraat 7B, 1011 Amsterdam**