

# GLOBAL CAMPUS MOOC

## Children's Rights and Technology in the Digital Age

### Lecturers and experts



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Prof. Joe Cannataci was appointed UN Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy in July 2015. He is the Head of the Department of Information Policy & Governance at the Faculty of Media & Knowledge Sciences of the University of Malta. He also holds the Chair of European Information Policy & Technology Law within the Faculty of Law at the University of Groningen where he co-founded the STeP Research Group. An Adjunct Professor at the Security Research Institute and the School of Computer and Security Science at Edith Cowan University Australia, a considerable deal of Joe's time is dedicated to collaborative research. He was overall co-ordinator for the SMART and RESPECT projects dealing with surveillance and currently also co-ordinates [MAPPING](#) dealing with Internet Governance. A UK Chartered Information Technology Professional & Fellow of the British Computer Society, he also continues to act as Expert Consultant to a number of international organisations. He has written books and articles on data protection law, liability for expert systems, legal aspects of medical informatics, copyright in computer software and co-authored various papers and textbook chapters on self-regulation and the Internet, the EU Constitution and data protection, on-line dispute resolution, data retention and police data. His latest book "The Individual & Privacy" is published by Ashgate (March 2015). In 2002 he was decorated by the Republic of France and elevated to Officier dans l'ordre des palmes académiques. His pioneering role in the development of technology law and especially privacy law was cited as one of the main reasons for his being made the recipient of such an honour as was his contribution to the development of European information policy. He has held or currently holds research grants from the British Academy, the Council of Europe, COST, UNESCO and the European Commission, totaling in excess of Euro 30 million. He serves on the editorial board of six peer-reviewed journals.





**SANDRA CAVALCANTE**

Sandra Regina Cavalcante is a lawyer specialized in Labor Law and Environmental Law, with a master's and doctorate in Occupational Health (University of São Paulo). For 13 years she has been conducting research on the participation of children and adolescents in entertainment, fashion and the advertising segment, with lectures, courses and articles published on young artists and digital influencers. Author of the book "Artistic child labor: from dazzle to illegality", published in 2011. Since 2010, she has been developing studies in Occupational Health at the University of São Paulo (USP), with participation in research groups and monitoring in disciplines at the Public Health and Law Faculties of USP. Visiting researcher at the University of Massachusetts (Boston-US) between October 2013 and March 2014. She graduated in Law from the São Francisco University (2000) and in Computer Science from the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (1989). She was systems manager, analyst and instructor (computing) between 1990 and 2001. Sandra has been a labor and civil lawyer since 2002 and teaches courses and lectures, besides guiding monographs and academic papers, in the areas Labor and Social Security Law, Public Health and child right. Researcher at the Extension group developed at the Faculty of Law of the University of São Paulo. Member of "Forum workplace accidents: analysis, prevention and associated aspects" addressed in Public Health School of USP. She is a (substitute) member of the Research Ethics Committee of the USP School of Nursing and a reviewer of the RBSO (Brazilian Journal of Occupational Health) and the Brazilian Journal of Human Growth and Development. She is professor at Faculdades Integradas Campos Salles, disciplines Individual Labor Law, Collective Labor Law, Social Security Law, Labor Process and Vulnerable Law.



**STEPHANE CHAUDRON**

Stephane works on research projects dedicated to Empowering Children Rights and Safety in emerging ICT at the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission. Her background is in Social Geography and Science Pedagogy. For many years, she has been coordinating large European Research Networks dedicated to e-Safety, New media education, Standardization and Science Teaching Education in her work (with Imperial College London, European Schoolnet, Université Catholique de Louvain). Since 2014, she has been leading the European Commission's research project 'Young Children (0-8) and Digital Technology' which has been further developed during this CoVID pandemic. Stephane has also explored the safety and security side of the Internet of Toys including data flow and the evolution of the concept of Identity in the digital world and its link with Privacy.



**EMMA DAY**

Emma Day is a human rights lawyer, qualified as a solicitor and barrister in Canada (2010) and with an LLM in international human rights law (University of London 2006). She completed her second LLM in law and technology at UC Berkeley in 2020 as a Fulbright Scholar, and is currently an affiliate at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard, and an Edmund Hillary Fellow. Emma has been working on human rights legal issues for the past twenty years, during which time she has spent five years living and working in Eastern Africa and six years in Southeast Asia. Emma is currently a consultant lawyer and technical lead for the UNICEF East Asia and Pacific regional work on child online protection, and is working on a UNICEF Data Governance for Children Manifesto. She is also working as a consultant lawyer for the UK Digital Futures Commission, carrying out research on data governance in schools.



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Swasti Karmacharya is a graduate from CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, India, with a degree in Bachelor of Arts Triple Major in Psychology, Sociology and English Literature. Passionate and intrigued about the learning and developmental needs of children and adolescents, she aspires to pursue Educational Psychology for her further academic pursuits. She is currently working as a Research Assistant at ChildSafeNet, a Non-Governmental Organization based in Kathmandu, Nepal, that works primarily for the online protection of children and young people. Prior to working at ChildSafeNet, Swasti worked as a Student Counselor at United Academy, one of the reputed educational institutes in Kathmandu, Nepal, where she was mostly involved in increasing awareness on mental health and well-being among the students and engage students in quality conversations. Apart from her interests in Developmental Psychology, Swasti is a staunch supporter of social advocacy and is vocal about discussing social issues. She is also a lover of contemporary art and literature.



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Duncan currently leads the Digital Economy Programme at the New Economics Foundation, a London based think and do tank, where he has been working for the last 7 years. The programme is focused on examining how the digital/data economy has create a new form of power, data power, how concentrated it is in society and how to redress that and re-distribute. In addition, the programme explores how the digital/data economy companies seem to evade accountability and how we might redress that. Current projects include working on the future digital trade chapters in free trade agreements, how we might stop targeted advertising the children, the potential of publicly owned/managed platforms to combat the dominance of major platforms and the impact of childcare platforms on society. Duncan is also the representative claimant in *McCann v Google* where we allege that YouTube (owned by Google) has been illegally collecting and processing children’s data.<sup>1</sup>



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**PIXELARIUM, MIRIAM AMARO and JONATHAN CORONA**

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Edward Snowden is a Right Livelihood Laureate (2014) and serves on the Freedom of the Press Foundation board of directors. He is an American technologist, and former CIA officer and NSA contractor. When he discovered classified evidence the U.S. government was, contrary to its public statements, secretly operating a global system of mass surveillance in violation of human rights standards and international law, he revealed it to the press, an act for which his home country is pursuing him on criminal charges. His actions have precipitated an intense global debate on privacy and surveillance. They have also led to historic rulings on privacy and to changes in policies and technologies.

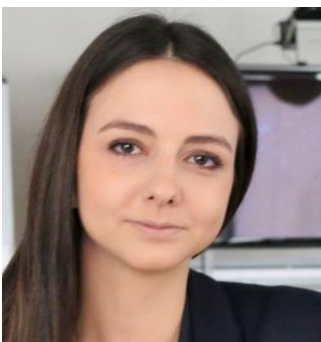
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Dr. Valerie Verdoodt is a postdoctoral fellow in law at the London School of Economics. Valerie's research focuses on the legal and fundamental rights questions originating from the development of new media and technology, in particular (but not exclusively) regarding the protection and participation of children online. She is particularly interested in studying children's rights in the context of (new) forms of commercial exploitation online (e.g. commercialisation of play through datafication, gam(bl)ing, digital child labour). She teaches Information technology and the law, Cyberlaw and EU Law to undergraduate and Masters students of the LSE law programme. Prior to joining the LSE, Valerie was CiTiP's lead researcher of the AdLit Project, which studied minors' advertising literacy in a new media environment, funded by IWT (Belgian agency for innovation by science and technology). In the frame of this project, she wrote her PhD thesis entitled "Children's rights and advertising literacy in the digital era: Towards an empowering regulatory framework for commercial communication", which focused on the role of children's rights in regulating new advertising techniques. After defending her PhD in December 2018, she was a lecturer in Electronic Contracts Law in the programme on IP and ICT Law at KU Leuven, Campus Brussels (2018-2019).



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