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The CLSR 25th Anniversary Seminar - 'The significance and protection of identity in the online world'

Seminar leader: Prof Jon Bing, Norwegian Research Centre for Computers and Law, University of Oslo, Norway

Chaired by: Prof Steve Saxby, Editor-in-Chief of Computer Law & Security Review (CLSR)

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Venue: ROCA JUNYENT

Theatre
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As Editor of *Computer Law and Security Review* I am delighted to welcome Professor Jon Bing, the pioneer of data protection law and foremost expert in the field to host this seminar in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the journal under my editorship. The topic we have chosen - the legal problems and challenges of identity in the digital age - is a fascinating one and an issue that throws up many important and searching questions:

- Who do we think we are when we examine our identity as opposed to character and personality?

- In what sense has the 'value' of identity changed as a concept in the digital environment?

- What comparisons are to be drawn between the 'real world person' and their database/transactional identity?

- How should identity management be regulated where questions like roles, access control etc play an important part?

- How is identity defined in legal terms *e.g* as a right of property? If so who owns it and what elements does the law regulate/protect?

- How is identity distinguished from privacy or 'rights' to anonymity and how does this apply to our electronic footprint and monitoring such as the use of enhanced facial recognition technology?

- Computer misuse has generally been criminalised. What exactly has been criminalised when we talk of identity theft or fraud?

A panel of expert commentators will also attend to stimulate further discussion from the floor such as Manuel Martinez Ribas, Mr. F. Baygual , Prof. Richard de Mulder, Prof. Kevin Aquilina (etc).

-   **Prof. Steve Saxby**   -