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MESSAGE FROM OUTGOING SIG-IEP CHAIR

Dr. Jelina Haines



Dear fellow SIG-IEP Officers and Members,

Dear colleagues, I am thrilled to present our 2024 SIG-IEP annual newsletter report. As the Outgoing Chair of SIG-IEP, I am delighted to share the final newsletter under my leadership. Serving in this role has been a tremendous honour. I am proud of the significant accomplishments made during my tenure (2022-2023 de-facto Chair to 2023-24-Chair), particularly the successful update of the SIG-IEP iConnect Library, the logo, the webinar industry guest speaker, and other activities. This library now houses invaluable resources and information created during my tenure.

Additionally, we have revitalised the SIG-IEP website, furnishing it with updated details on SIG-IEP activities. This newsletter contains the 2024 budget and expenditures and the expanded description, purpose, and Bylaws of SIG-IEP. Furthermore, SIG-IEP now features a unique and distinctive logo. We have successfully introduced a PhD Student Engagement Award and hosted industry webinar guest speakers. We are excited to share these opportunities with ASIS&T members to showcase how information theory is translated and implemented in practice while fostering a dialogue between industry and IS/LIS professionals.

SIG-IEP's annual newsletter report highlights the successful initiatives that have been developed and implemented. A significant initiative aimed at enhancing the active engagement of SIG-IEP members has proven highly successful, with regular meetings significantly contributing to establishing strong relationships and trust among members. Furthermore, SIG-IEP's active representation and engagement in other SIGs has not only enriched our community but also significantly contributed to the increased success and retention of its members.

MESSAGE FROM OUTGOING SIG-IEP CHAIR continue....

I want to express my deepest gratitude to Lydia Middleton, Pamela Yorker, and Cathy Nash for their ongoing support, and of course, to my Fellow SIG-IEP Officers and members – a million thank you from the bottom of my heart. As I complete my role as SIG-IEP Chair. I have worked to manage the SIG-IEP to the best of my abilities, and your support has been invaluable. I will continue to serve SIG-IEP as the Immediate SIG-IEP Past Chair in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

[Dr. Jelina Haines](#) (PhD-IS)

Policy Advocacy Lead – Catalyst 2030 Australasia Chapter

Co-Chair – Catalyst 2030 Australia Chapter

Collaborator- ICON Project South Australia

Outgoing SIG-IEP Chair

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MESSAGE FROM INCOMING SIG-IEP CHAIR

Dr. Priya Vaidya



Embarking on a new journey with the SIG-IEP of ASIS&T fills me with pride and a heightened sense of responsibility. This opportunity compels me to carry forward the legacy of ethical informational policies and knowledge with renewed vibrancy and dynamism. Reflecting on my past five years with ASIS&T, I am proud of the various positions I have held across different SIGs since I began my association in 2019. These roles have been incredibly encouraging and enriching.

Currently, I am brimming with impactful and pleasant experiences from all the SIGs within ASIS&T. I am overwhelmed with gratitude to receive another opportunity to serve in a prominent position within the SIG-IEP. This SIG holds a special place in my heart, especially since I received recognition from IEP for designing its current logo. The logo's symbolism is deeply intertwined with my academic and professional journey with ASIS&T. The emerging branches and stem represent my various roles within the SIGs, fostering experience, skills, knowledge, and a vast network of global professionals who have consistently motivated and provided me with opportunities, regardless of my age and limited experience. The light white shadow beneath the tree in the logo signifies the incredible support I have received from all the leaders of ASIS&T. This support has been instrumental in helping me grow and excel in my career, making my foundation robust and impactful.

MESSAGE FROM INCOMING SIG-IEP CHAIR continue...

As of now, SIG-IEP boasts 275 members, reflecting a consistent and gradual increase over time. This upward trend in ASIS&T membership, particularly within SIG-IEP, signifies steady progress and sustained member engagement. These achievements are a testament to the ongoing efforts of past chairs and other executive officers of SIG-IEP. I am committed to ensuring that the vision, mission, and goals of SIG-IEP remain vibrant through my activities and interventions. This would not be possible without the support of the Past Chair, Dr. Haines, and the Executive Officers of SIG-IEP for the 2024-2025 term. Together, I believe we can continue to make significant contributions to the field and uphold the esteemed legacy of SIG-IEP.

To the new and prospective members of SIG-IEP, I encourage all of you to fully embrace all that SIG-IEP has to offer. Engage actively with the community, seek out connections, and embrace mentorship opportunities. The positive environment fostered by ASIS&T has been incredibly supportive, and I am deeply grateful for it. I eagerly look forward to contributing further to this wonderful organization and witnessing the growth and success of our LIS community together

Sincerely,
Dr Priya Vaidya (PhD-LIS | Gold Medalist),
Senior Program Leader,
ABC-Centre of Excellence-Education | Piramal Foundation),
MAXQDA Professional Trainer | SIG-IEP (Upcoming Chair) | SIG-ED (Past Chair) | SIG-III (International Paper Contest) | SIG-SM (Secretary),
Ex-SRF (UGC), Department of Library & Information Science, AMU, Aligarh.
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SIG Information Ethics and Policy Description and Purpose expanded

The name of the SIG is SIG-Information Ethics & Policy (SIG-IEP).

The purpose of all ASIS&T SIGs shall include but not be limited to:

- 1) advising the Board of Directors or the Association officers on matters pertaining to the Group's special interest or area;
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- 3) engaging SIG members by creating dialogue and collaboration via SIG online communities and social media;
- 4) collecting and disseminating information concerning the special interests; and
- 5) at the request of the Board of Directors, either as a Group or through one or more of its officers or members, representing the Association in international, interdisciplinary and interorganizational activities.

The unique purpose of the Special Interest Group is: SIG-IEP explores ethical, and policy issues related to the use of information technology. The primary goal of this group is to keep information professionals up-to-date on ethical policies, governance, and regulations across various fields, including health, arts, humanities, technology, education, and the environment. Members of ASIS&T collaborate to exchange best practices and resources related to information ethics, legislation, and regulations. This collaboration is particularly important in light of the increasing use of AI in the information industry. Information professionals are responsible for keeping up with the constantly changing landscape. As SIG-IEP members, we ensure that we support one another, especially those who are just starting out in the field of information science/LIS



SIG-IEP ByLaws

The description and purpose of SIG-IEP have been formally expanded and integrated into the SIG-IEP Bylaws, as illustrated in the attached image (04 August 2024).

ASIS&T SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: GOVERNANCE

These bylaws shall be the operating standard for all Special Interest Groups (SIG) of the Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T). The term "SIG" is used throughout to apply to each SIG individually and its constituency.

ARTICLE II: NAME AND PURPOSE

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ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the SIG shall be open to any member of ASIS&T who elects to join and who satisfies the dues requirements established by ASIS&T.

Section 2. All SIG members, who have been members of ASIS&T for at least twelve months prior to their nomination are eligible to serve as officers of the SIG. All SIG members are eligible to vote on questions submitted to the SIG membership by formal ballot or at official meetings.



SIG-IEP UPDATES BUDGET AND EXPENSES

4133 - SIG-IEP's Financial Activity 2024

FY 2024 (July 01, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

Total available funds for 2024 (actual)= \$1971.01

Expenditure 2024

No	Description	Cost \$
1	ASIS&T SIG-IEP Inaugural Student Engagement Award	\$1537.50
2.	Webinar - guest speaker honorary fee (non-member)	\$ 200.00
3.	SIG-IEP Logo Awards 2024	\$ 100.00
4.	Other (Fees)	\$ 3.98
	Total expenses	\$ 1841.48

Available funds as of 01 September 2024: \$ 129.53

SIG-IEP's Financial Activity Plan for 2025

Total available funds for 2025: \$129.53 (carryover 2024) 2025 Annual Allocation of \$563.02 in the total available budget for 2025 \$692.55

2025 Plan expenses and activities

1. 1 Webinar	\$200.00
2. Award: 2025 SIG-IEP Best Student Short Paper	<u>\$400.00</u>
Total:	\$600.00

SIG-IEP 2024 Annual Activities

The current membership count of SIG-IEP has reached **276**, signifying a consistent and gradual increase. This upward trend in membership reflects steady progress and sustained member engagement, which have significantly contributed to the ongoing activities.

FOLDERS



1. SIG-IEP iConnect Library resource has been updated, and the layout that is navigate The SIG-IEP iConnect Library resource folder has been successfully created (refer to the image), and the SIG-IEP website has been updated. Regrettably, we have not yet been able to follow up on the SIG-IEP social media networks.
2. SIG-IEP Logo Design Award
3. SIG-IEP Newsletter (published twice a year – mid-year and annual)
4. SIG-IEP description and purpose has been expanded
5. Updated SIG-IEP Bylaws
6. SIG-IEP – Social Media - A LinkedIn page has been created, although previous officers created Facebook & Twitter, so we never managed to access them
7. **Webinars – Industry Guest Speakers**
 - A) AI and Law/Regulation in Australia and Globally: The Trajectory to Date by Industry Guest Speaker [Principal Lawyer Rossi Law](https://www.asist.org/meetings-events/webinars/ai-and-law-regulation-in-australia-and-globally-the-trajectory-to-date/) (<https://www.asist.org/meetings-events/webinars/ai-and-law-regulation-in-australia-and-globally-the-trajectory-to-date/>)
 - B) Local Government – Closest to Which People? Gender, Power and Polarisation in 2024 – by [Mayor Moira Were AM](https://www.asist.org/meetings-events/webinars/local-government-closest-to-which-people-gender-power-and-polarisation-in-2024/) (<https://www.asist.org/meetings-events/webinars/local-government-closest-to-which-people-gender-power-and-polarisation-in-2024/>)
8. Inauguration of [ASIS&T SIG-IEP Inaugural Student Engagement Award](#)

SIG-IEP Logo Design Award Winner



Logo design winner- Dr Priya Vaidya

Dr. Priya's statement behind the design, "A binary tree with emerging branches and stems connotes ever-growing information, producing knowledge through connecting nodes representing documents or interconnected data points. All this data, information, and knowledge originated from SIG-IEP's core objectives (shown at the bottom of the tree), with an assimilative book on one side carried up by a dynamic and versatile ASIS&T (on the other side).

The light white shadow beneath the tree signifies the growth of ethical information policies (IEP) based on a strong foundation of knowledge."

As Priya stated;

'While struggling for an opportunity, discovering untapped inner resources, and engaging in personal transformation, this morning reminded me that "behind every bout of undesirable phases lies the potential for a comeback story filled with triumph and resilience"... Yes, I am excited to share with you all that my submission entry for the #logodesign contest for @SIG-IEP of ASIS&T declared as #creative, #attractive and #contemporary and meets SIG-IEP logo #competitioncriteria, thus announced it a #winning entry. My heartfelt thanks to ASIS&T for setting an energetic platform for me, and #specialgratitude to Jelina Haines, PhD for her timely support, guidance, and motivation'.

ASIS&T SIG-IEP Inaugural Student Engagement Award Promotional Campaign



2024 ASIS&T SIG-IEP Inaugural Student Engagement Award

Important Dates

Application due date: Tuesday, 28 May 2024

Awards notification date: Friday, 28 June 2024

Award prize: **\$1500.00** – cover registration and travel to the 87th Annual, Calgary, Canada, 25-29 October 2024

The Award

Calling all students studying IS/LIS related to ethical issues, legislation, policies, governance, and regulations affecting the information field and members of the information professions!

More info:

<https://www.asist.org/sig/sigiep/awards-2/>

ASIS&T SIG-IEP Inaugural Student Engagement Award Winner

Congratulations Jiaying

2024
ASIS&T SIG-IEP Inaugural Student
Engagement Award Winner

Research paper titled:

"Exploring Young Adults' Mental Health Help-Seeking Journey: Preliminary Findings on Resource Navigation Behavior" has been awarded \$1500.00 to support Lizzy's attendance and presentation at the 87th Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology on October 25-29, 2024, in Calgary, Canada.



Jiaying (Lizzy) Liu
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Health Agency Director | Graduate Student
Assembly | The University of Texas at Austin

Dr. Jelina Haines
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I am a Ph.D. candidate at the School of Information at the University of Texas at Austin. I explore how the social, cultural, technical, and identity-related factors collectively shape people's online and offline experiences and help-seeking behaviors around emotional well-being and mental health. I use both in-depth ethnographic and large-scale computational methods to investigate how people navigate the socio-technical ecosystem of mental health resources and how people leverage multimodal technologies (e.g., videos, virtual reality, robots) for emotional support and community building. My research contributes to care-centered digital technologies and human infrastructure/policy design. My work has been recognized in prestigious venues, including iConference 2021 (Best Poster nomination), CHIIR 2023, JASIS&T 2023, ASIST-AP 2024, HRI 2024, and CSCW 2024.

ASIS&T SIG-IEP Inaugural Student Engagement Award Research Entry

Title: Exploring Young Adults' Mental Health Help-Seeking Journey: Preliminary Findings on Resource Navigation Behavior

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ABSTRACT

Young adults are among the most vulnerable populations susceptible to mental health concerns, yet they encounter various barriers in accessing resources and obtaining necessary support and treatment. While prior research has predominantly focused on technology utilization in mental health help-seeking, a more comprehensive understanding of how individuals navigate the broader landscape of available resources is crucial. To address this gap, we conducted in-depth interviews with 18 young adults to explore their lived experiences and resource navigation during the mental health help-seeking process. Guided by the Social-Ecological Framework, our study categorized the resources utilized by young adults into four categories: technological, interpersonal, community-based, and societal. Through thematic analysis, we report preliminary findings that identify specific characteristics of resources that young adults value and prioritize throughout their help-seeking journey. These findings provide implications for designing multi-level mental health resources and interventions to facilitate young adults' help-seeking. We also discuss methodological considerations to encourage in-depth conversations with marginalized groups on sensitive topics like mental health, emphasizing the importance of creating a safe, non-judgmental space for participants to share their experiences openly.

KEYWORDS: Social-Ecological Framework, Qualitative, Technology, Marginalized Population, Information-Seeking Behavior

SIG-IEP WEBSITE AND ACTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA

Although social media presence is crucial for SIGs' visibility, SIG-IEP hasn't been able to connect with previous officers who created pages like Twitter and Facebook. There's evidence of a disconnect between previous officers and login details access to the pages made. This needs to be followed up.



Website link: <https://www.asist.org/SIG/SIGIEP/>



A LinkedIn Page has been recently created.



SIG-IEP Facebook page with 56 members
(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/166379683522230/>)

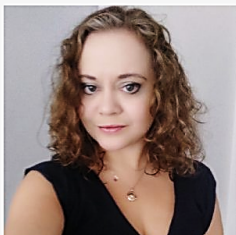
2024 SIG-IEP Webinars –Industry Guest Speakers

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AI and Law/Regulation in Australia and Globally: The Trajectory to Date

Join us for a discussion and comment on the role of law and regulation in the AI space and what is currently underway in this regard. This webinar discusses and compares what is currently in play in Australia vs what is currently being considered to be implemented, in light of and in consideration of what the current thinking in the AI space, particularly in relation to Generative AI, with other parts of the world, in particular EU and USA. Based on the current activity across the world, I will discuss the main areas where regulation has so far been considered most relevant and important. Further, what others have to date decided to protect and how? I then consider, noting there is no one single answer for what is to come at this stage, the importance and relevance of regulation of AI, considering the crossovers as well likely to occur with privacy, consumer rights and protection and more, including the ongoing ability to claim rights over and protect intellectual property. Objectives: 1. AI laws and regulations are essential. 2. AI regulations are crucial and cannot be ignored. 3. Ensuring privacy, consumer rights and protection in the realm of AI.

Presenter



Nina Rossi has worked briefly in government for IP Australia as a trademark examiner. The following 12 years in private practice across various legal fields, including business/corporate law, disputes, franchising, and intellectual property. However, Nina's first interests have always been in the space of Intellectual Property and digital. Nina has largely worked from Sydney, NSW, but has assisted clients across Australia and internationally. Such clients have ranged from SME businesses to larger FMCG retail chains, particularly in regard to franchising work. Nina also presently works on contract as an in-house counsel, assisting with contracting and all aspects of large business legal and operational/compliance requirements.

[View Webinar Recording](#)

Can't join a webinar at its scheduled time? Don't worry!

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AI and Law/Regulation in Australia and Globally: The Trajectory to Date by
Industry Guest Speaker [Principal Lawyer Rossi Law](#)
(<https://www.asist.org/meetings-events/webinars/ai-and-law-regulation-in-australia-and-globally-the-trajectory-to-date/>)

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This webinar is an overview of the perspective of Mayor Moira Were, the Mayor of South Australia's largest local government authority, in the context of global trends around gender, democracy, voting, polarization, and community engagement. Mayor Were will outline some legislative contexts, such as Federal and State laws, including the Privacy Act, Local Government Act, principles, policies and protocols. She will also draw a distinction between public policy applications and how everyday citizens and political representatives work within these beautiful constraints to support democracy. With the rise of populism, polarisation and post-truth, Mayor Were will describe the resources, mechanisms, and learnings in place to help public officials and people in public life to combat these challenges. Back in 2008, when Clay Shirky wrote 'Here Comes Everybody,' he identified features of the new online world: sharing, cooperation, collaborative production, and collective action. Mayor Were, for one, was excited and hopeful about more equity in participation with accessible tools and places where information could be shared and more knowledge distributed. She will look back at what started out as her journey for digital democracy nearly twenty years ago and see where the foundations of these changes may have been visible and what it might mean for the future. The roles of the citizens, elected representatives, and administration will be considered to explore what's working, what we can celebrate, where we are going, and what we need to do next to keep building inclusive, engaged, democratic practices and leadership.

Learning Objectives

1. Develop programs and initiatives that bridge the digital divide.
2. Empower citizens to be critical consumers of information.
3. Foster more inclusive and participatory forms of governance.

Presenters



Mayor Moira Were AM was elected Mayor of the City of Onkaparinga in November 2022. She brings to the role her facilitation and advocacy skills and strategic experience in the community, public, and private sectors. Moira is well-connected to our community through many years of involvement with local grassroots community organisations. She was awarded an Order of Australia in 2019 for her services to our community, specifically in the social welfare sphere. Moira is a trained Social Worker and holds a master's degree in economics and ethics. Moira is the founder of Chooks SA's 4,000-strong online community, closing the gender investment gap. She co-founded a national award-winning team and social enterprise intermediary, Collab4Good, supporting systems to shift towards more equitable and just futures. Moira has previously served in several significant leadership and governance roles, including as Chief Executive Officer of Volunteering SA&NT, Global Director of the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2), board director of the Medical Board of SA, and a Deputy Commission on the SA Fire and Emergency Services Commission. Moira has lived in the City of Onkaparinga for around 30 years, having brought her family up in Willunga and Port Noarlunga, South Australia. She now resides in Sellicks Beach and loves where she lives.

[Register Now](#)

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Despite the low turnout that led to the cancellation of our second webinar, the guest speaker admirably took the initiative to address participants' inquiries promptly. This act provided invaluable insights to attendees from Bangladesh and India, showcasing the speaker's dedication and expertise.

Local Government – Closest to Which People? Gender, Power and Polarisation in 2024 – by [Mayor Moira Were AM](https://www.asist.org/meetings-events/webinars/local-government-closest-to-which-people-gender-power-and-polarisation-in-2024/) (<https://www.asist.org/meetings-events/webinars/local-government-closest-to-which-people-gender-power-and-polarisation-in-2024/>)

SIG-IEP

Member's Column





Mahbub E Shobhanee

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Research in Progress

Working research title:

**Non-stems are in need of special
attention in AI competencies: Evident
from university students**

Working Research Title

Non-stems are in need of special attention in AI competencies: Evident from university students

There is no longer any doubt regarding the prominence of AI in the current era; however, this understanding needs to be uniformly evident across non-STEM disciplines. Non-STEM encompasses fields within social sciences, humanities, and business. This study collected data from students at a private university in Bangladesh, with the population divided into two groups based on their study streams, STEM and Non-STEM. The understanding of AI among these two streams has been compared using nine predefined factors. Subsequently, guidance has been provided for curriculum development. Other than being familiar with the concept, non-STEM students performed low in all other aspects.

Our analysis has highlighted a significant need for a deeper understanding of AI and its applications. Students anticipate AI will boost their problem-solving abilities, and educators will harness AI systems to optimize learning outcomes for non-STEM students. Regrettably, students' express confidence in AI while overlooking its ethical implications. Our ongoing research has produced promising results and has the potential to contribute to the growing prominence of AI. Overall, non-STEM students performed poorly across nearly all assessed criteria. Our proposed curriculum aims to address these deficiencies and better prepare students for the future job market.



Ethics and Policies in Health Informatics

Policies and Ethics in Health Informatics.....*Jelina Haines*

Policies in Health Informatics

Uncover the essential role of [health informatics](#) in elucidating the intricate network of data, information, knowledge, and [traditional wisdom](#) within the dynamic healthcare domain. This enlightening exposition establishes the foundational elements by delving into pertinent topics such as standardising [data communication policies](#) to foster transparency and [information sustainability](#) between healthcare facilities and providers and governance, facilitating an immersive journey into health informatics [infrastructure](#) (Bell, 2018). More policies need to address [health informatics](#) within Indigenous contexts. As Elliott and fellow researchers(2022) highlighted and quoted, *‘the notion of balancing the barriers and benefits of seeking care was mentioned as particularly difficult for those in rural communities where access to care is limited’*.



Ethics in Health Informatics

[Ethical Controversies About Proper Health Informatics Practices](#), written by Win Phillips, The article mentions a concern about "content importing technology" (copy and paste), also known as CIT.

Phillips (2015) emphasised that using such shortcuts could lead to inaccuracies in notes and potentially raise legal liability issues. [Gunther Eysenbach](#) (2000) offered a solution and quote *‘to develop and evaluate methods and applications to integrate consumer needs and preferences into information management systems in clinical practice, education, and research’*.

Ethics in Health Informatics in Indigenous Context*Jelina Haines*



Telehealth: Are they an effective form of health practice and information sharing in marginalised communities?

Research shows that it can be a source of public health information and a tool for monitoring interventions for people who live mainly in rural, regional, and remote areas ([Frisch et al., 2014](#)).

Telehealth is an impactful means for providing healthcare services to marginalised communities, particularly those facing limited access to traditional in-person care during the COVID-19 pandemic ([Mathew et al., 2023](#)). However, its effectiveness depends on various factors, including cultural sensitivity, language accessibility, and technological infrastructure. As per [Ye and colleagues \(2023\)](#) and [Batalik et al. \(2024\)](#), it is imperative to recognise the critical role of telehealth-based rehabilitation interventions. In this case, telehealth will closely impact the monitoring of cancer survivors' physical and psychological well-being.

Ethical appropriateness and respectful considerations must be prioritised when conducting health research involving Indigenous peoples and their information ([Minaya & Roque, 2015](#)). It is imperative to acknowledge that eHealth's greatest asset lies in its capacity to bridge the geographical gap between patients and healthcare professionals ([Chelberg et al., 2022](#)). Let's not underestimate the ethical importance of safeguarding patient information privacy and protocols within a cultural context. It's crucial to ensure the cultural safety of this sensitive data.

DATA PROTECTION LAWS OF THE WORLD



Policy, Regulations, Privacy and Data Protection

ABSTRACT

More than ever, it is crucial that organisations manage and safeguard personal information and address their risks and legal responsibilities regarding processing personal data to address the growing thicket of applicable data protection legislation. A well-constructed and comprehensive compliance program can solve these competing interests and is an important risk management tool.

The handbook outlines the key privacy and data protection laws and regulations across nearly 100 different jurisdictions. It offers a primer to businesses as they consider this complex and increasingly important area of compliance. DLA Piper's global data protection and privacy team has the deep experience and international reach to help global businesses develop and implement practical compliance solutions to the myriad data protection laws that apply to global businesses.



United Nations
Digital Library

[The right to privacy in the digital age: resolution / adopted by the General Assembly](#)

Reaffirming the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the human rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1 and relevant international human rights treaties, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 15 December 2022).



AI Policies by each country

AUSTRALIA

Policy for responsible use of AI in government. The policy ensures that the government plays a leadership role in embracing AI for the benefit of Australians while ensuring its safe, ethical, and responsible use is in line with community expectations.

Australia's AI Ethics Principles. This principle aims to ensure that AI systems are aligned with human values. Machines should serve humans, not the other way around. AI systems should enable an equitable and democratic society by respecting, protecting, and promoting human rights, enabling diversity, respecting human freedom and the autonomy of individuals, and protecting the environment.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)

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