

Cybersecurity Breaches and Private Law – Taking Stock and Looking Ahead

Title: What legal liabilities for cyber-attacks under private law?

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Abstract:

The talk will discuss selected issues relating to the potential legal liabilities for cyber-attacks that can emerge under private law. Such liabilities may result from various regulatory sources (including data protection, consumer law, contract law, cybersecurity law) and legal principles which makes this issue more complex and which may call for regulatory action. The multiplicity and diversity of stakeholders and of legal sources must be duly taken into account in the discussion about the standard of liability for cyber-attacks in order to strike an equitable balance between the diverging interests and underlying values (which include the promotion of technological innovation and the need for protection of consumers and cyber-citizens).

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