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Introduction

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1979. In September of that year, the CRID (Centre de Recherche Informatique et Droit – Research Centre on Computer & Law), founded by Yves Poulet, organised its first conference entitled "Data Banks, Enterprises and Privacy". The decision to fully embrace this new problematic was clearly an excellent one, since more than forty years later, the issue of data protection is not only still an important and topical political issue, but is also at the heart of numerous research projects in all countries, involving a large number of disciplines that need to interact with each other.

2009. That year the CRID formally joined forces with the CITA (Cellule interdisciplinaire de Technology Assessment – Interdisciplinary Unit on Technology Assessment) and the GRICI (Groupe interdisciplinaire en Communication et Internet – Interdisciplinary Unit on Communication & Internet), two other entities of the University of Namur, to form the CRIDS (Centre de Recherche Information, Droit et Société – Research Centre on Information, Law & Society), a member of the NaDI (Namur Digital Institute), a Research Institute of the University of Namur which is devoted to the study of information and communication technologies.

2019. Within the framework of the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the creation of the CRID and the 10th anniversary of the creation of the CRIDS, the idea naturally arose to launch a call for contributions aimed at offering authors the opportunity to highlight an aspect of data protection that they felt deserved an in-depth analysis.

We received twenty-one very high quality contributions on extremely interesting aspects of data protection, which have been brought together in this book. The authors come from Europe as well as from the United States of America and Canada. Their contributions have been grouped as follows, on the understanding that all choices are always arbitrary and subject to debate:

- 1) ICT Governance;
- 2) Commodification & Competition;

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- 3) Secret surveillance;
- 4) Whistleblowing;
- 5) Social Medias, Web Archiving & Journalism;
- 6) Automated individual decision-making;
- 7) Data Security;
- 8) Privacy by design;
- 9) Health, AI, Scientific Research & Post-Mortem Privacy.

I wish you all a very fruitful read!