The Data Protection Regulation proposed in January 2012 by the European Commission would introduce a 'right to be forgotten' into European data protection law. There has been a lively discussion about the legal nature of the right to be forgotten, its relationship to other rights and interests, and its implications for society and for the Internet. Bringing together a select group of academic experts, this workshop organised by the Centre for European Legal Studies of the University of Cambridge explores legal issues (particularly those under European Union law) of the proposed right.
Programme

09.00-09.30  Registration (Tea and Coffee served in the Tower Lounge Bar)

09.30-09.45  Welcome by Professor Catherine Barnard and Dr Christopher Kuner

09.45-11.00:  Session 1: Nature of the right to be forgotten

- The role and function of the right in the proposals of the Commission and the European Parliament
- Social and economic function of the right
- Sources of the right in European and human rights law
- Place of the right in data protection and privacy law

Interventions:  Jef Ausloos, Jon Crowcroft, Radim Polčák

11.00-11.15:  Break for Tea/Coffee, served in the Tower Lounge Bar

11.15-13.15:  Session 2 (Part 1): Relationship with other rights and legal instruments

- Potential limitations of the right
- Relationship to analogous rights
- Right to be forgotten and freedom of expression
- E-Commerce Directive and other relevant instruments

Interventions:  David Erdos, Giovanni Sartor

13.15-14.00:  Break for Lunch served in the Restaurant

14.00-15.00:  Session 3: Right to be forgotten between expectation and practice

- Impact of the right on society
- Implementing the right in practice
- Global implications of the right
- Implications for the Internet

Interventions:  Wojciech Wiewiórowski, Monika Zalnieriute

15.00- 15.45:  Conclusions

15.45-16.15:  Break for Tea/Coffee served in the Tower Lounge Bar

19.15:  Post-Conference dinner at Trinity College (Private Supply Room)

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