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“Data Privacy in Online Education and Research”

Abstract: The President of South Africa has proclaimed 1 July 2020 as the commencement date of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013. All persons processing personal information (which refers to a wide range of data concerning any living, natural person and, where applicable, any existing juristic person) must become fully compliant with the Act within a period of one year from this date. The Act sets out eight conditions of lawful processing, with additional safeguards for sensitive information, such as data concerning children, health, sex, gender, or criminal records. Failure to comply could result in civil and criminal penalties, including fines of up to R10m and, in some cases, imprisonment for up to 10 years.

The presentation will provide an overview of lawful data processing in its national, regional and international context. The presentation will also highlight ways in which the Act may impact upon teaching and research in Higher Education, particularly in new areas of knowledge such as ‘big data’ and artificial intelligence.

Bio: Dusty Donnelly (BA LLB LLM) is an admitted Advocate of the High Court of South Africa, and previously practised as an attorney for several years in the field of maritime and international trade law. She is currently a junior lecturer in the School of Law, Howard College and acts as an internal moderator and external examiner in business law subjects. She has published three journal articles in the fields of contract law, insurance and admiralty law. Her current research focus is data privacy and she is undertaking a PhD study entitled ‘Privacy by (re)Design: A comparative study of the protection of personal information in the mobile applications ecosystem under United States, European Union, and South African law.’

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