

# **Dr Edina Harbinja**

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## **Biography**

Dr Edina Harbinja is a Reader in Media/Privacy Law. Her principal areas of research and teaching are related to the legal issues surrounding the Internet and emerging technologies. Edina is a pioneer and a recognised expert in post-mortem privacy, i.e. privacy of the deceased individuals. She has published widely on aspects of internet law and regulation and has been a visiting scholar and an invited speaker to universities and conferences in the USA, Latin America and Europe. Her research has been highly impactful. She has been able to influence and inform American, the UK and Australian legislators and court cases over the past decade, as well as big tech companies, the legal profession and civil society. She has appeared several times at the UK Parliament as an expert witness. Her public engagement has been very extensive. She has published pieces in news outlets, websites, practitioners' magazines etc. (e.g. BBC Tomorrow's World, BBC Ideas, The Nature Outlook, The Guardian, The Verge, The Daily Mail, The Conversation, The Law Society Gazette, The Legal Practice Management Magazine etc.). She is a TEDx speaker. Edina holds a number of appointments and memberships outside Aston. This includes, inter alia, membership of the Advisory Council at Open Rights Group, Senior Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy, membership of the Executive Committee, British and Irish Law, Education and Technology Association (BILETA). Edina is also an alumna of the Leadership Foundation's Aurora programme and the UK Digital Economy Ambassador, as a part of the CHERISH-DE Digital Economy Crucible Programme, Swansea University. Edina is a chief editor for the EUP book series 'Future law?', along with Prof Burkhard Schafer. She is a Deputy Editor of the Computer Law and Security Review. She has guest edited other tech law journals as well. She acts as a peer reviewer for a number of journals in the area of IT and law, social science and human-computer interaction. Edina has reviewed research bids, book proposals and monographs. Edina has led grant applications as a PI, and have so far been successful at a number of important awards (e.g. Modern Law Review seminar series, Leverhulme Trust funding, ESRC/IRC Networking Grant). Edina's research interests are in the area of privacy and data protection, post-mortem privacy, digital regulation, online safety, digital property and AI.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Online Safety, Online Harms, AI and Law, Digital Resurrection

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## **Affiliations**

Open Rights Group : Member of the Advisory Council, Higher Education Academy : Senior Fellow, British and Irish Law, Education and Technology Association (BILETA) : Member of the Executive Committee, Death Online Research Network : Member, Society of Legal Scholars : Member

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## **Parliamentary Contributions**

**Invited to give oral evidence**  
Commons DCMS Committee

**Online Safety Bill, Invited to give oral and written evidence**  
Joint Committee

**Freedom of Expression inquiry, invited to give oral and written evidence**  
Digital and Communications Committee

**The Internet: to regulate or not to regulate? publications**  
Communications and Digital Committee

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## **Education**

**University of Strathclyde**  
PhD Law

**University of Sarajevo**  
LLB

**University of Strathclyde**  
LLM IT and Telecommunications Law

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