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DIALOGUE ON DIVERSITY'S INTERNET DATA PRIVACY 2018 COLLOQUIUM LAW AND TECHNOLOGY — PATHS TOWARD A HUMANE SOCIETY

February 7, 2018, Washington, D.C. — Dialogue on Diversity presents its 10th annual program on the Internet and its technological offshoots – IoT (Internet of Things), the many forms of social media, and the myriad newly fashioned instruments of communication and observation. **Ma. Cristina Caballero**, Dialogue President, warns: “Forms of increasingly powerful surveillance and information acquiring capabilities – and the ever more penetrating intrusions that these novel technologies bring in their train, are the new, unprecedented threat to the privacy space of individuals going about their daily business.” The Colloquium, set for **February 21st, is to be held at the Raben Group conference area, 1341 G Street, N.W., Fifth Floor, in downtown Washington, D.C.**

What does the next decade promise through the newest advances in Information Technology? An IoT network (the much touted Internet of Things) will be a constant helper and companion – with Smart Homes, Smart Cities, even Smart Wearables! **Kelsey Finch** of the Future of Privacy Forum, discussing these technical novelties, which bear the warning that at the same time sensors can track one's movements

The advancing technology finds itself subject to the laws of commerce and communications, and to the special regulation of the FCC. **Carmen Scurato**, a skilled lawyer who serves as V Pres. for Policy at the National Hispanic Media Coalition, and **Yosef Getachew** of Common Cause are leading voices in these debates. They bring the analysis home for today's Colloquium with a discourse on the vexed question of net neutrality and like issues.

Prof. Spencer Overton, of the Law School at The George Washington University, on a positive note maintains, as to the Future of Work, that work does have a future, but that inequality and poverty are the bugbears menacing social and economic accord in an affluent world.

The quick touch on a keyboard will bring up in a moment on the small screen facts that our elders might have searched a lifetime for. Young users can hear the finest professors at arm's length explain the minutiae of the STEM studies. The lot of students is explored by **Amelia Vance** of the Future of Privacy Forum and a **Prof. Mauricio Vasquez** of Ana G. Méndez.

Precision Medicine will tailor your medication to target the offending cancer cells in just the crucial places. And your medical records will be the plaything of ubiquitous computers. **Dr. Adrian Gropper** reminds hearers that an element of privacy remains yours as the endless details of body and mind must be precisely rationed out. and only to your chosen medics.

Prof. Alvaro Bedoya of the Georgetown University Law Center analyzes the encroachments of governmental data gathering and discusses the shield of privacy against intrusions and surveillance, and the care requisite for maintaining users' critical faculties well sharpened.

Among nearly a dozen more experts on tap for February 21st are **Travis R. Hall** of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration in the Department of Commerce, **Joseph Miller**, host of the WashingTECH podcast series, **Katherine Mereand** on Innovation in Small Business, **Miranda Bogen** of Upturn, on digitally targeted ads, **Lauren Smith** and **Brenda Leong** of the Future of Privacy Forum on Algorithms and Biometrics, and others from the academic, think-tank, and civil society worlds.

No entry fee, light lunch provided, and . . . the Best Chance to get to know the Experts and your Fellow Learners. Early Registration is advised – at **www.dialogueondiversity.org**