



Privacy and Surveillance in India

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Abstract

The talk will cover the development of privacy policy in India over the last 3 years, particularly in relation to projects such as NATGRID, CMS and UID. Special attention will be paid to the Justice AP Shah committee report, the last leak of the privacy bill from the DoPT and also the citizen draft of the privacy bill developed by the Centre for Internet and Society. International experiences such as Snowden's disclosures and the development of communication surveillance principles developed by EFF and others will be compared and contrasted with the Indian context.

About the Speaker

Sunil is the executive director of the Centre for Internet and Society (CIS), Bangalore. CIS is a 4 year old policy and academic research organisation that focuses on accessibility by the disabled, intellectual property rights policy reform, openness [Free/Open Source Software, Open Standards, Open Content, Open Access and Open Educational Resources], internet governance, telecom, digital natives and digital humanities.

He is also the founder of Mahiti, a social enterprise aiming to reduce the cost and complexity of information and communication technology for the voluntary sector by using free software. Sunil continues to serve on the board of Mahiti. He is an Ashoka fellow and was elected for a Sarai FLOSS Fellowship. For three years, Sunil also managed the International Open Source Network, a project of United Nations Development Programme's Asia-Pacific Development Information Programme, serving 42 countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

Sunil currently serves on the advisory boards of Open Society Foundations - Information Programme, Mahiti, Samvada and International Centre for Free/Open Source Software.

Event Details

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