



EUROPEAN FORUM ON PRISON AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

**Prison and new technologies:
*What protection of fundamental rights?***

Paris, 23 May 2019, 9:00 – 18:00

University Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne
Centre Panthéon, 12, place du Panthéon, 75001 Paris
Room : Amphi I

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The forum will be held in English and French with simultaneous translation.

This event is validated as part of the continuing training of lawyers.

While digital technologies are massively entering the Justice field in Europe, mainly out of the public debate, the Forum aims at analyzing the current and potential future impact of the introduction of digital technologies in the penitentiary field.

On the one hand, how to integrate prisons in the digital world and promote access to digital rights and to the Internet for the detained persons? How to break the isolation of the detained persons from the digitalised welfare states? Through accessing the Internet, can the protection of detainees' fundamental rights be strengthened, i.e. access to legal aid and assistance, access to effective remedy in case of violation of rights in detention, but also access to education and labor?

On the other hand, while governments primarily see the digital justice as a way to cut costs in the Justice's budget, how to prevent from the risk of substituting online interaction and intervention (video-hearings, virtual family visits, online activities etc.) to physical interpersonal interaction and intervention, and thus to further isolating the detained persons from the outside world?

Also, what are the risks to detainees' fundamental rights pertaining to the digitalization of justice? While personal files of the detained persons (criminal files, medical files, disciplinary files etc.) are being massively digitalized, how to anticipate risks of automated data processing through algorithms and potential impact on disciplinary procedures or sentences adjustment?

At last, with the perspective of digital technologies and the Internet entering more massively into prison, how to ensure the protection of the right to privacy and the right to data protection in detention? In a near or more distant future, would online behaviors of detainees potentially be monitored in the same way as their offline behaviors to assess their ability to rehabilitate, or potential dangerousness?

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Provisional Agenda

9.00 Opening

Isabelle Fouchard, Research fellow at the CNRS-ISJPS, University Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne, controller at the French National Preventive Mechanism

Krasimir Kanev, Vice-President of the European Prison Litigation Network, Founder of the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee

Virginie Aubrée, La Quadrature du Net

9.20 Roundtable 1. National Experiences with Internet Access for Prisoners

Chair: Vincent Eechaudt, Post-doctoral research fellow at the Institute for International Research on Criminal Policy, Ghent University

9.35 *Regulations as regard to access to the Internet in Ukrainian penitentiary institutions: prospects for further improvement*

Ivan Ostrenko, Head of the regulation department at the Ukrainian Ministry of Justice, Kyiv

10.00 *Internet access in Lithuanian prisons*

Karolis Liutkevičius, Chief Legal Officer, Human Rights Monitoring Institute, Vilnius

10.15 *Connecting to the (Prison)cloud : The digitalization of information, communication and reintegration in Belgian prisons*

Jana Robberechts, Doctoral researcher, Faculty of Law and Criminology, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

10.30 Discussion

10.45 Break

11.15 Roundtable 2. Human rights in the face of restrictions of access to the Internet in prison

Chair: Christine Graebisch, Professor at the University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Dortmund

11.25 *The multiple social effects of restrictions on access to the Internet in prison*

Damien Scalia, Professor of Criminal Law at the Université Libre de Bruxelles

11.40 *Internet Access and Unequal Rights for Prisoners*

Christiaan van Veen, Special Advisor on new technologies and human rights to the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights

12.00 Discussion

12.30 Break

14.00 Roundtable 3. Social uses of the Internet in prison

Chair : Daniel Witko, Lawyer at Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Poland

14.10 *Considerations in favour of opening prisons to the Internet: the point of view of the French controller of places of deprivation of liberty*

Benoîte Beaury, Controller at the French National Preventive Mechanism

14.25 *The use of social networks in the monitoring of Russian prisons*

Asmik Novikova, Senior researcher at the Public Verdict Foundation, Moscow

14.45 *Internet access in the case law of the ECtHR*

Sofia Ciuffoletti, President of the association L'Altro Diritto, researcher at the University of Florence

15.00 Discussion

15.30 Break

15.45 Roundtable 4. The digitalization of the prison, what risks, what guarantees?

Chair: Anne Simon, Lecturer at University of Paris 1-Pantheon Sorbonne

15.55 *Penitentiary digital tools, fundamental ethical principles and health care protection*

Dr. Pascale Giravalli, Dr. Marc Fédèle, Union of Psychiatrists Practicing in Prisons, France

16.15 *Assessing the risk of violent extremism in prison? Professional criticisms of a standardized actuarial tool*

Gilles Chantraine, Research fellow at CNRS, Centre Lillois d'Etudes et de Recherches Sociologiques et Economiques, University of Lille

16.30 *The dangers of the digitalization of justice from the perspective of the right to a fair trial*

Benoit David, lawyer at the Paris Bar, member of the Board of the Association pour la Défense des Droits des Détenus (A3D), President of the association Ban Public

16.45 Discussion

17.30 End