Editorial Introduction

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We are delighted to present to you the second issue of the twentieth volume of SCRIPTed. As ever, this issue is a product of the hard work and collaboration of many different people. We would like to thank in particular our contributing authors and reviewers, and SCRIPT Centre Board without whom there would be no work to publish and who have ensured the work in this issue is of high quality.

We would also convey our heartfelt thanks to our colleague Simal Efsane Erdogan for her support with editorial work so far. We also welcome Mihail Dishev who has been one of our two technical editors, with our colleague Asli Atabey, helping us with technical aspects of the publication of the journal until now. We are very happy to welcome Mihail Dishev on board as our new Managing Editor of SCRIPTed.

In this latest issue, we bring you a curated selection of thought-provoking content, including four peer-reviewed articles and a book review.

First and foremost, we pay tribute to the late Andrew Cormack, an unwavering supporter of our journal for many years, who regretfully left us unexpectedly. We open this volume with Andrew's compelling article titled "Knowing me, Knowing You: Opinions, Reputation, DNA and other Entangled Personal Data." In this piece, Andrew sheds light on the concept of "entangled data," wherein a single piece of personal data can relate to multiple individuals. He addresses the complexities arising from such interconnected data and suggests innovative ways to approach data protection principles, simultaneously considering the perspectives of different subjects sharing the same data. This valuable analysis offers practical insights into harnessing this increasingly prevalent form of personal data more securely and responsibly.

Next, we present an article by Jessica Bell, Miranda Mourby, and Jane Kaye, entitled “Contractual Mechanisms for Securing the Public Interest in Data Sharing in Public-Private Health Research Partnerships”. The paper delineates the implications of the core principle of illegality for contracts underpinning Public Private Partnerships in
health research. In particular, it explores the extent to which the principle could operate to protect the public interest as conceived by privacy and data protection law.

The third article, "The GDPR’s Rules on Data Breaches: Analysing Their Rationales and Effects", is written by Frederik Zuiderveen Borgesius, Hadi Asghari, Noël Bangma, and Jaap-Henk Hoepman. The authors delve into the strengths and weaknesses of the GDPR’s data breach notification obligation by assessing it against six key goals or rationales. Their examination reveals how the data breach notification obligation can significantly contribute to better security practices, enhance regulatory capabilities, and promote transparency and accountability. Nevertheless, the article also cautions against unrealistic expectations for individuals’ ability to protect their interests and switch service providers following a data breach, urging Data Protection Authorities to provide more information about reported breaches to analyze potential security threats effectively.

Our fourth article, penned by Sunita Menon, bears the title "Postcolonial Differentials in Algorithmic Bias: Challenging Digital Neo-Colonialism in Africa." This piece employs postcolonial theory to address algorithmic bias and its impact on current AI systems. By reimagining and reframing the concept of the "other" Menon highlights the existing gaps and power imbalances perpetuated by biased algorithms. Through a postcolonial lens, she advocates for the development of more inclusive AI systems and datasets that challenge the assumed neutrality of algorithms.

Lastly, our book review features Claudia González-Márquez’s critique of Emily Postan’s recent work titled "Embodied Narratives: Protecting Identity Interests through Ethical Governance of Bioinformation."

We hope that the August issue of SCRIPTed helps the exploration of critical legal issues at the forefront of our ever-evolving society. On this occasion, we express our gratitude to our peer reviewers, technical and copy editors for their support and
dedicated service, and to you for being a part of our esteemed readership. We trust that the knowledge shared within these pages will inspire meaningful discussions and foster positive changes within the legal community and beyond.