

Lecture

Eleventh Namur Award given to Stefano Rodotà

Professor Stefano Rodotà is probably best known as the proposer of an Internet Bill of Rights at the second meeting of the Internet Governance Forum, held in Rio De Janeiro, in 2007. As Professor Rodotà has been quoted as saying:

The internet is the widest public space in the history of mankind. It must remain the place to give citizenship and democracy new opportunities.

On 28 September, 2012, it was the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) working group 9.2's time to pay tribute to Professor Rodotà and to honour his longstanding commitment to a humanistic and holistic view of data protection, data privacy and identity. We recognised the effect that his studies, teaching, public speaking and writing, and political activities have had in Europe and internationally on the development of a wide-ranging approach to legal and ethical issues surrounding data privacy, and the many dilemmas – including identity – that affect human beings in a digital world. As Diane Whitehouse, Chair of IFIP WG9.2 on Social Accountability of Computing, said:

Professor Rodotà, Stefano, as Chair of IFIP WG9.2 on social accountability and computing, it is my honour – and pleasure – to present you on behalf of the group and its members with the IFIP working group 9.2 Namur Award 2012 (02012) for your outstanding contribution with international impact to the awareness of social implications of information technology.

On the occasion of the award ceremony, Professor Rodotà delivered a lecture on “Identity between Web 2.0 and Web 3.0”.

Useful information on previous Namur Award winners since 1991, as well as the focus of the current work of IFIP WG9.2, is available on the working group's website (www.ifipwg92.org, and specially http://ifipwg92.org/?page_id=26).