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## **E-Democracy Challenges and Opportunities**

Professor Lance J. Hoffman

Date: 2 May 2001 (Wednesday)  
Time: 5:30pm – 6:30pm (refreshment starts at 5:15pm)  
Venue: Room Y6405, 6th Floor, Academic Building, The City University of Hong Kong  
Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon

### **Abstract:**

As more and more individuals and businesses are connected to the Internet, a number of opportunities arise for more efficient and effective delivery of government services. At the same time, there are both visible and invisible pitfalls related to privacy, security, intellectual property, accessibility requirements, electronic voting, conflicting regulation of speech in different jurisdictions, and other areas. This talk will survey these and related issues, examine areas where technology and law meet (or clash), and discuss likely developments in these thorny areas over the next few years.

### **About the speaker:**

Lance J. Hoffman is known for his pioneering research on computer security and risk analysis, and for his interdisciplinary work in computer privacy issues. Professor of Computer Science at The George Washington University in Washington, D. C. and Founder of the School of Engineering's Cyberspace Policy Institute, he is in charge of the computer security graduate program in computer science. He is the author or editor of five books and numerous articles on computer security and privacy. His most recent readings book, *Building in Big Brother*, was the first book devoted to the topic of cryptography policy. A Fellow of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Dr. Hoffman heads the Steering Committee of the Conference on Computers, Freedom, and Privacy and is a member of the National Advisory Board of the newsletter *Privacy & American Business*; he also sits on the Advisory Committee of the Center for Democracy and Technology and is GW's representative to the Advisory Committee of the World Wide Web Consortium. He recently served on the Advisory Committee on Online Access and Security of the Federal Trade Commission.

### **Inquiry**

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