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THE FUTURE OF LAW
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FLIPtalks: Emerging Areas of Law
Facial Recognition

Facial recognition is increasingly used to make significant decisions that affect people's rights and interests in areas as diverse as banking and immigration. But should we rely so heavily on this technology? And if something goes wrong, how can we ensure there is appropriate legal accountability?

About Edward Santow

Ed leads UTS's new initiative on building Australia's capability on ethical artificial intelligence. Ed's areas of expertise include human rights, technology and regulation, public law and discrimination law.

From 2016-2021, Ed was Australia's Human Rights Commissioner, where he led major projects on AI and new technology; refugees and migration; human rights issues affecting LGBTI people; national security; and implementing the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT).

Ed is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law, a Visiting Professorial Fellow at the University of New South Wales (UNSW), a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Human Rights and the Fourth Industrial Revolution, and serves on a number of boards and committees.

In 2009, Ed received an Australian Leadership Award, and in 2017, he was recognised as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum.
Ed previously served as chief executive of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre and was a Senior Lecturer at UNSW Law School, a research director at the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law and a solicitor in private practice.