

# Data Access, Confidentiality and Privacy Research

The CAPRI group at CCSR [www.ccsr.ac.uk/capri](http://www.ccsr.ac.uk/capri)

CAPRI group welcomes enquiries from applicants wishing to pursue a PhD in the areas of data citizenship, information regulation, privacy, statistical disclosure control and data utility.

Information about individuals is increasingly becoming treated as a commodity. The state, commercial organisations and individuals themselves all have access to increasingly detailed individual level information. The capture and storage of data about every aspect of each citizen's life is now a possibility. New types of information are being collected and used for analysis, linked to existing data and mined for additional imputable information. This information explosion is impacting on the way in which people define themselves and view others.

The information explosion of data is not simply an unwanted artefact of modern society. Robust policy making and effective service provision require increasingly detailed and timely research data but at the same time the rights of the individual data citizen need to be clarified and protected.

These are pressing issues for research. Such research has many facets ranging from ethics to mathematics, from social to computer science. It includes consideration of such issues as data quality, data access, data utility as well as data and citizen protection.

The Confidentiality And PRivacy group (CAPRI) is a multidisciplinary team that investigates the confidentiality and privacy issues that arise from the collection, dissemination and analysis of data. Members of CAPRI have conducted research on confidentiality for the ONS, government departments, the Information Commission, EUROSTAT, the US Census Bureau, Statistics Quebec, Statistics New Zealand and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

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