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## The Right to Privacy in the Supreme Court of India

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In a recent historic decision, the Supreme Court of India ruled that the right to privacy was a fundamental right. This landmark case challenged the legality of the Indian government's Biometric Databank Project, one of the first of its kind in the world. The Court's decision has been hailed globally for its reliance on international norms, comparative jurisprudence, and academic research, including the scholarship of Penn Law Professor Anita Allen.



Senior Advocate Sajan Poovayya, who argued the case before the Court, will speak about the decision and the ways in which it will shape the direction of privacy rights and Big Data regulation in India around the world. Professor Anita Allen will then offer comments about the Court's reliance on insights from comparative privacy law for its reasoning.

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*Introduction by Shyamkrishna Balganesh, Professor of Law; Co-Director, Center for Technology, Innovation & Competition (CTIC); Co-Director, Center for Asian Law (CAL).*

*Comments by Anita Allen, Henry R. Silverman Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy; Vice Provost.*