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*In loving memory of Nalan Celik*

# Preface

The EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) was adopted in April 2016 and came into force in May 2018 to supersede the outdated Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC of 1995. The drafters of the GDPR announced that it would adhere to the EU Digital Single Market Strategy, which aims to create incentives for digital networks and services to flourish by providing trustworthy infrastructure and effective regulations. The European Data Protection Supervisor described it as the “gold standard” for the protection of personal data. However, as national legislation around the world has increasingly defined the right to the protection of personal data, the stringency of the EU-based gold standard led to many objections from certain interest groups. Academics and practitioners struggle to pinpoint applicable laws, especially for transnational cases that might infringe the right to the protection of personal data.

This book provides a snapshot of privacy laws and practices from a varied set of jurisdictions in order to offer guidance on national and international contemporary issues regarding the processing of personal data. It also serves as an up-to-date resource on the applications and practice-relevant examples of data protection laws in different countries. Our objective was to show the applications of the GDPR within European countries and a selection of national data protection laws from different continents with a focus on how the GDPR has influenced these laws. The jurisdictions covered in this book include European countries—Belgium, Estonia, France, Greece and the Netherlands—as well as Indonesia, Tanzania, Turkey, and USA.

The authors of this book offer an in-depth analysis of the national data protection legislation of various countries across different continents, not only including country-specific details but also comparing the idiosyncratic characteristics of these national privacy laws to the GDPR. Valuable comparative information on data protection regulations around the world is provided in one concise volume.

It was a challenging task to fully capture and track new developments in national legislation given the fast-changing regulatory landscape regarding data protection and privacy. At the same time, this surely makes this an exciting legal field which is likely to continue evolving with continuing efforts being made to safeguard legal

protections in the face of myriad changes related to the modern data economy. I would like to thank all the contributors for the submission of their chapters which are excellent reference sources both for practitioners and researchers. I would like to also thank family, friends and colleagues for their guidance, THUAS Cybersecurity Center of Expertise for the research appointment and Ms. Anne Hillmer for providing research assistance.

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