



IEEE Tech Talk by Dr. Steven Pearce

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The IEEE Student Branch IIIT Allahabad organized a Tech Talk (guest lecture) by Dr. Steven Pearce from the School of Computing Science, Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, Canada. The talk was held in the Institute Auditorium on September 05, 2015 at 5:00 PM. Dr. Steven addressed *The Relationship of Contemporary Information Technology to*

Privacy.

Dr. Steven Pearce has completed his B.Sc. with Honors and M.Sc. from University of British Columbia in 1981 and 1984 respectively, and earned his doctoral degree from University of Arizona in 1995. He is currently a guest faculty member at the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad.



Privacy is a relatively recent legal device touted as a virtue of Western culture, but arguably rooted in ancient Eastern philosophy as well. In his talk, Dr. Steven Pearce deliberated over the meaning of privacy and discussed its



complex nature. In addition he examined the

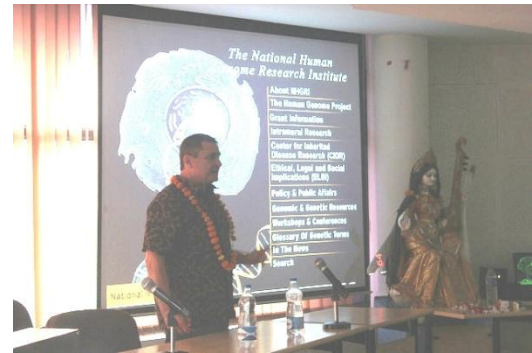




correlation of privacy legislation, particularly in the United States, with the rise of modern Information Technology. He demonstrated how individual freedoms are being eroded at the expense of simple consumer conveniences – citizens are willingly giving up their right to privacy without adequate forethought.



After the Saraswati Pooja and honoring of our guest speaker by Dr. Satish Kr. Singh,



Faculty adviser, IEEE SB IITA; Dr. Steven Pearce delivered an insightful talk that educated the audience on why they should prioritize privacy in this age of machine learning, artificial intelligence and IoT.

The talk saw enthusiastic participation as students turned up in large numbers to attend the talk. The audience was offered light refreshments after the talk. In the last, Dr. S.K. Singh presented a memento with vote of thanks to Dr. Steven Pearce.

