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Developing tools to detect and combat child sexual abuse

There is considerable evidence to suggest that global demand for child sexual abuse material (CSAM) is growing. Consistent with this demand, is a surge in the volume of CSAM available online, including static imagery and, increasingly, pre-recorded and live-stream video.

Policing this pernicious problem is a global priority. But it's no easy task, both because of the material's sheer abundance and the damage that repeated exposure to it can cause to officers' mental health.

Developing automated methods to detect and analyse CSAM, however, may shift the balance. Advanced facial and voice recognition software tools now in development have the potential to dramatically increase law enforcement agencies' ability to detect CSAM online as it appears—and accelerate investigations.

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Webinar Details

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The Panellists



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Associate Professor Russell Brewer leads the Adelaide Cybercrime Laboratory – a research group with a focus on developing tools to better understand, detect, and prevent cybercrime.

Associate Professor Bryce Westlake is an Associate Professor at San Jose State University. His primary area of research is digital forensics, with an emphasis on combatting the distribution of child sexual abuse material online.

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Professor Adam Graycar is Director of the Stretton Institute. From 1994 to 2003 he was Director of the Australian Institute of Criminology