

## FEATURE POSTS



### The Paradigm Shift of the Disruptive Technologies in the Post Pandemic World

July 20, 2020 by Aishwerya Kansal

Many are speculating if there would be status quo ante of social and civil life or there could be a technologically smarter world post pandemic. Glimpses of it have been witnessed in many technologically advanced countries like South Korea and Singapore that have turned to [smart phone alert services](#) to track the movements of patients with COVID-19 and provide advance warnings to the non-affected. [Drive-through testing facilities](#) have been introduced. Singapore is checking compliance of the quarantine measures by citizens through the [sharing of location data and CCTV footage](#) and the tracking of the contact-chain of affected persons. Innovators have already started disrupting the post-pandemic world, which could lead to [smarter cities](#) with high prospects of government support. China is using [3D printing technology](#) to build hospitals and quarantine homes. The United States Patent and Trademarks Office supports small companies, individual inventors and research centres by providing fast-track evaluation of COVID-19-related patent applications pro-bono. An evolution in public behaviour is evident by the increased adaptation of online platforms by schools, universities, online conferences, and virtual reality tours by tech and non-tech companies.

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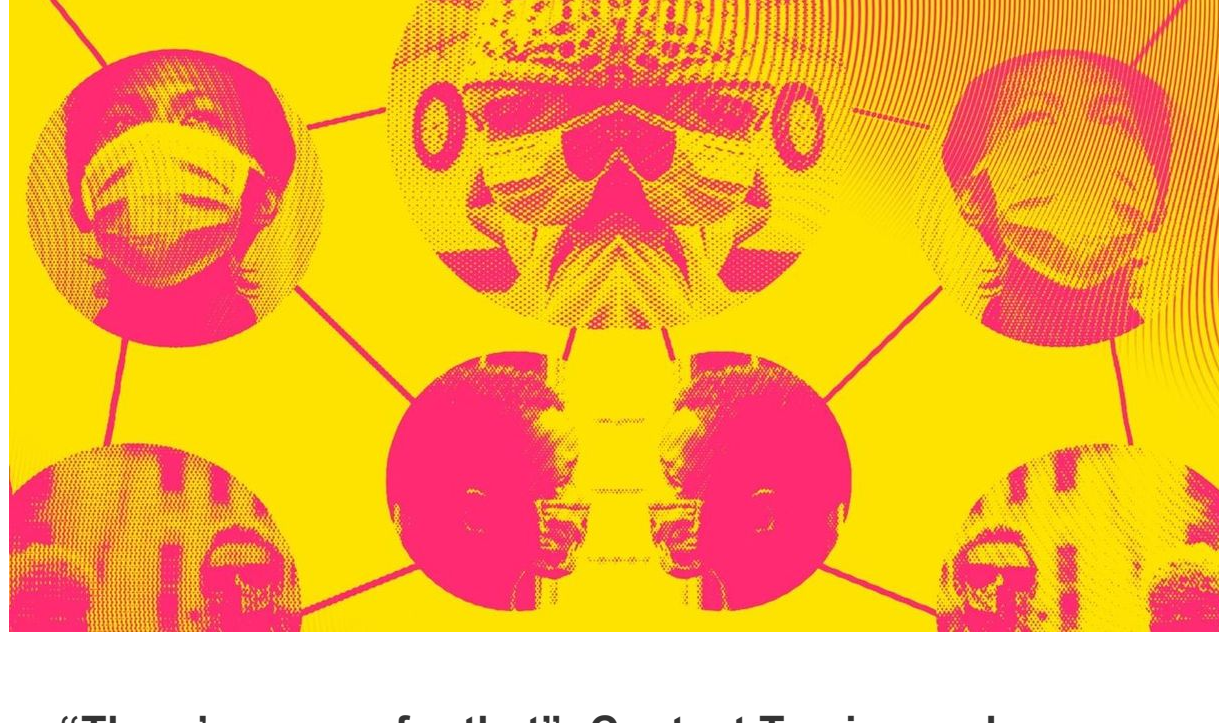
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### “There’s an app for that”: Contact Tracing and new Data Security and Privacy Concerns

July 22, 2020 by Alexander Chan

According to [Nick Szabo](#), a smart contract is “a set of promises, specified in digital form, including protocols within which the parties perform on these promises.” There are many more examples of [smart contracts](#), with varying levels of sophistication: from simple [crowdfunding platforms](#) to more [complex](#) integration with [blockchain](#) and cryptocurrency. To simplify things, the example of a [vending machine](#) is useful to illustrate a machine that is programmed with a seller’s offer and executes the terms of an agreement (e.g. dispense a candy bar) automatically once the conditions (e.g. insert one dollar) are met. What is relevant here is that the automatic nature of the contract removes the need for humans. A smart contract is a program or a set of instructions that automatically perform a task according to the terms of an agreement.

*Written by Alexander Chan, an incoming second-year J.D. Candidate at Osgoode Hall Law School*

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### Blocking Piracy Websites

July 24, 2020 by Aliza Zigler

Despite the proliferation of streaming services and improved digital offerings from traditional broadcasters, pirating content via torrents and file-sharing websites remains a significant issue in Canada.

In [Bell Media Inc et al v John Doe 1 dba GoldTV.biz et al](#), the Federal Court granted an injunction, demanding various ISPs (Internet Service Providers) in Canada block access to pirate subscription sites that stream the content of the plaintiffs – Bell Media Inc, Group TVA Inc and Rogers Media Inc.

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### Smart Contracts: moral, immoral, or amoral?

July 21, 2020 by Dan Choi

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29 July 2020

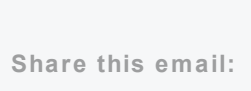
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