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De Hert's work addresses problems in the areas of privacy & technology, human rights, and criminal law. A rights-based approach combined with a concern for theory is the common denominator of all his work.

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