

Workshop Programme

“Power Geographies of Surveillance”

University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland

11 & 12 January 2012

Workshop Rationale

The shape of contemporary social life is increasingly dependent on a wide range of technologically mediated forms of control and regulation-at-a-distance. People, objects, spaces, etc. are monitored by a complex set of surveillance practices which, for security, administrative, commercial and political purposes, aim to control, to protect, to influence and to manage everyday life on multiple levels.

Thus ‘Power Geographies of Surveillance’ relate to a wide variety of places and phenomena, from policing and border control to state administration, mobility and consumption management. In addition, surveillance works on all spatial scales. It has become intrinsically woven into the texture of everyday life, being embedded in urban infrastructures as well as working through both global communication networks and the control techniques of international mobilities. Surveillance is co-produced by public-private coalitions of authority and expertise on local, national and transnational scales.

The aim of the workshop is to debate and to conceptualise the imbrications of space, power and surveillance. More specifically, the workshop intends to interrogate the forms, functions and effects of surveillance as an ensemble of heterogeneous techniques and practices of control and power that are situated within space, interacting with and therefore appropriating and producing space, through multiple processes and relationships, on a variety of scales and for numerous reasons. Questioning the dynamics and mutual imbrications of surveillance relating to people and things, presences and flows, the event also aims to challenge our very understanding of the contemporary power geographies of surveillance.

1. Conference day: 11 January 2012

9.00-9.15: Welcome and Introduction

9.15-12.15: 1. Surveillance, Bordering and Mobility

Steve Graham ‘Surveillance, Bordering and the Post-Westphalian Condition’

Francisco Klauser ‘Surveillance and ubiquitous borders at mega-events’

Discussants: **Louise Amoore, Anders Albrechtslund**

12.15-13.45 Lunch

13.45-16.45 **2. Conceptualising 'Space and Surveillance' I**

Pete Adey 'Atmospheres of Urban Security: cocooned spheres, leaky boundaries and the surveillance of circulating effects'

Louise Amoore 'Smart borders, Surveillance and the Governance of Mobility'

Discussants: **Steve Graham, David Murakami Wood**

2. Conference day: 12 January 2012

8.30 -13.00 **3. Conceptualising 'Space and Surveillance' II**

Kevin Haggerty 'Surveillance and/of Nature: Monitoring Beyond the Human'

Hille Koskela 'New directions of surveillance: 'the four vectors''

David Murakami Wood 'Towards a Political Economy of Global Surveillance'

Discussants:, **Pete Adey, Torin Monahan**

13.00 -14.30 **Lunch**

14.30-17.30 **4. Everyday Spaces of Surveillance: perceptions, experiences, practices, relationships**

Torin Monahan 'Lay Surveillance as a Response to Environmental Threats'

Anders Albrechtslund 'Social Spaces: Understanding Location Sharing'

Discussants: **Hille Koskela, Kevin Haggerty**

Dinner: Brasserie du Jura, Neuchâtel