Reacting to Surveillance by Security Agencies in the Age of Big Data – What is the role of the European Union?

Conference, Berlin, Friday 13 May + Saturday 14 May 2016

Location: Institute for Safety and Security Research/Forschungsinstitut für Öffentliche und Private Sicherheit Berlin (FÖPS), Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht/Berlin School of Economics and Law (BSEL), Campus Lichtenberg, Alt-Friedrichsfelde 60, D 10315 Berlin, Building 6B, Room 6B259

Cooperating partners:
- Institute for Safety and Security Research/Forschungsinstitut für Öffentliche und Private Sicherheit Berlin (FÖPS); Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht Berlin/Berlin School of Economics and Law, Department of Police and Security Management
- Arbeitskreis Europäische Integration e.V. (AEI)
- Groupe Européen de Recherches sur les Normativité (GERN), Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, France

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Registration: Please register before 5 May 2015, using the registration form.

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Starting from the impact of surveillance upon everyday life, the conference explores the ambiguous role that the European Union plays in surveillance. EU institutions established a number of important initiatives in order to strengthen individual rights in relation to public and private surveillance in the era of “big data”. One core element is the data protection package (including a regulation and a directive) that was proposed by the European Commission in 2012 and adopted by the European Parliament and the Council in 2016. The conference will analyse this process.

Some EU debates reacted to the revelation by whistleblower Edward Snowden of massive data retention by secret services. However, at the same time, EU institutions such as the European Commission, and the Justice and Home Affairs Council promoted additional forms of data retention and surveillance, e.g. Passenger Names Records (PNR) and new centralised databases. Cooperation among intelligence services has been intensified without strengthening accountability so far.

In a multi-disciplinary approach, the conference will discuss the political, legal, sociological and technical aspects of the ambiguous role that the EU plays as a regulator and a promoter of surveillance. This also includes debates on cryptography, the option of new data streams making Europe more independent from the rest of the world (and therefore more resistant to surveillance) and better European and international law in order to reduce surveillance to a minimum that is adequate for democratic rule-of-law systems.
Programme

Friday 13 May 2016

12.00 h – 13.30 h Arrival of participants, registration; possibility to take lunch at the campus self-service restaurant (individually)

13.30 h Welcome and introduction
Prof. Dr. Andreas ZABY (t.b.c., President, Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht/Berlin School of Economics and Law, BSEL): Welcome address

Prof. Dr. Sabrina SCHÖNROCK (Dean, Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht/Berlin School of Economics and Law, BSEL, Department of Police and Security Management): Welcome address

Prof. Dr. Clemens ARZT (Director, Institute for Safety and Security Research/Forschungsinstitut für Öffentliche und Private Sicherheit Berlin (FÖPS)/BSEL): Welcome address

Prof. Dr. Hartmut ADEN (FÖPS Berlin/BSEL): Welcome address and introduction to the conference topic: Surveillance and the EU – an ambivalent relationship

14.15-15.45 h Panel 1: Surveillance technology and its impact upon everyday life
Chair: Prof. Dr. Clemens ARZT, (Director, FÖPS Berlin/BSEL)

Prof. Dr. Marie-Sophie DEVRESSE (Université de Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium (UCL/CRID&P)): The impact of surveillance on private life: the example of electronic surveillance in the criminal justice system

Dr. Dr. Peter ULLRICH (Technische Universität Berlin, Zentrum für Technik und Gesellschaft): Towards a surveillance assemblage society? Protest in the spiral of surveillance and counter-surveillance

Prof. Christopher DUNN (New York Civil Liberties Union): Mass surveillance - perceived from a US civil liberties perspective

Questions & answers; discussion

15:45 - 16:30 h coffee/tea/refreshments
16.30-18.00 h **Panel 2: Limiting or promoting surveillance & mass surveillance versus targeted surveillance: how EU institutions shape and react to surveillance**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Hartmut ADEN (FÖPS Berlin/BSEL)

Prof. Dr. Christian KAUNERT (Director, European Institute for Security and Justice (EISJ), University of Dundee, Scotland, UK) & Dr Sarah LÉONARD (Senior Lecturer, University of Dundee): Norm transfer for surveillance: from transatlantic Passenger Name Records to PNR in the EU

NN (Member of the European Parliament t.b.c.): The European Parliament – promoter of higher rule of law standards for surveillance?

Elisabeth KOTTHAUS (European Commission): Reactions by the European Commission

Questions & answers; discussion

18.00-18.30 h **coffee/tea/refreshments**

18.30-20.00 h **Panel 3: Mass surveillance by intelligence services – inevitable in times of terrorist threat?**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Hans-Gerd JASCHKE (FÖPS Berlin/BSEL)

Dr. Anna DAUN (Berlin): Intelligence cooperation in the EU: Is there a trend towards regime formation?

Dr. Ben WAGNER & Kilian VIETH (Centre for Internet and Human Rights, Viadrina University, Frankfurt/Oder): No rules are good rules? Data Protection, Information Sharing & Intelligence Cooperation in Europe

NN (speaker and title t.b.c.)

Questions & answers; discussion

From 20.00 h: get together; time for informal discussion

**Saturday 14 May 2016**

9.00 h **registration; coffee/tea**

9:30-11.00 h **Panel 4: How to react to new forms of surveillance in Europe?**

Chair: t.b.c.

Inès GALLALA (Free University of Brussels): The implementation of Prüm: Are we ready for a central European DNA database?

Mathias BUG (University of Marburg): Do citizens accept surveillance? Divergent or convergent trends in Europe?
NN (speaker + title t.b.c.)
Questions & answers; discussion

11:00-11:30 h **coffee/tea/refreshments**

11:30-13.00 h **Panel 5: Technological autonomy – a European answer to surveillance**

Chair: Dr. Daniel VENTRE (CESDIP/GERN, France)
Prof. Dr. Rüdiger WEIS (Beuth-Hochschule Berlin): Cryptography – an effective strategy to limit surveillance?
Dr. Raphael BOSSONG (Viadrina University Frankfurt/Oder): The European Union and public-private partnerships for securing and surveilling cyberspace
Prof. Dr. Dr. Fritz SACK (University of Hamburg): Comment: The impact of surveillance from the perspective of critical criminology (title t.b.c.)

13.00-14.00h **Roundtable**

Prof. Dr. Hartmut ADEN (FÖPS Berlin/BSEL): The EU’s ambivalent role for surveillance: conference results and outlook
Statements: Limiting or promoting surveillance? What role can and should the EU play in the future? What should be the role of (critical) surveillance studies?
Prof. Dr. Marie-Sophie DEVRESSE (Université de Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium)
Dr. Raphael BOSSONG (Viadrina University Frankfurt/Oder)
Prof. Dr. Christian KAUNERT (Director, European Institute for Security and Justice (EISJ), University of Dundee, Scotland, UK)
NN (European Commission)

14.00-14.30 h **Closing remarks/end of the conference**

**Please use the attached form for registration before 5 May 2016.**

**If you need a hotel room:** For the night 13/14 May, you can book a room at a special discount price before 9 May 2016 at a hotel that is in a 10 minutes walking distance from our Lichtenberg campus (conference location):

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The number of participants is limited, early registration is recommended.

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on Friday, 13 May yes ☐ no ☐

on Saturday 14 May yes ☐ no ☐

I will join the informal meeting on 13 May, 20 h: yes ☐ no ☐

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