



Watch This Space: Surveillance Futures

**THE FIFTH BIENNIAL SURVEILLANCE AND SOCIETY CONFERENCE
SUPPORTED BY THE SURVEILLANCE STUDIES NETWORK**

***Sheffield University and Kenwood Hall Hotel, Sheffield, UK
April 2 - 4, 2012***

CALL FOR PAPERS

Surveillance practice is future-oriented. Whether deployed by the state, the private sector or both, surveillance concerns itself, in part, with what is yet to come. These futures range from the prediction or pre-emption of risk, danger, profit, population dynamics and consumption patterns, and the projection and protection of identities online, to the use of techniques to bring about geopolitical change. Throughout the history of surveillance practices, in key sites and at different scales across the world, multiple futures have been made possible and others have been lost. The regulation of surveillance, as well, has a future, as new surveillance techniques and practices challenge the rules and regulatory instruments of the past.

Surveillance studies is now established as an academic field of study. It reaches across disciplines, theoretical perspectives and international boundaries. What is its future and what kind of work needs to be done?

This conference calls for papers which examine the many facets of this fascinating issue. Papers are invited on (but not limited to) the following topics:

- Surveillance, governance and governing
 - Emerging surveillance theory
 - Modes of visualization and emerging technologies
 - The surveillance imaginary
 - Surveillance, identity and becoming
 - International comparative perspectives on surveillance
 - Political economies of surveillance
 - Surveillance, fiction and the future
 - Virtual / material spaces of surveillance
 - Surveillance, media and communication
 - Liminal spaces, borderlands and surveillance
 - Post- authoritarian states and surveillance
 - Performing and embodying surveillance
 - The future of surveillance regulation
 - The future of surveillance studies
 - Local/Global geographies of Surveillance
 - Mapping and controlling territories
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- The main conference will run all day from **3rd to the 4th April**.
 - A **special session for doctoral students** will be held in the afternoon of the **2nd of April**.

If you are a doctoral candidate and wish to join the doctoral session please indicate this on your abstract. In the doctoral session students will present papers alongside a series of short research workshops provided by more established academics.

FEES AND LOCAL INFORMATION

This is a non-residential conference and participants will need to make their own arrangements for accommodation (we will provide advice for this in due course). The Conference will be held at the Kenwood Hall Hotel, Sheffield, UK.

The Conference Fee is £275 per person, which includes refreshments and lunch and an optional £50 two years' membership of Surveillance Studies Network. The membership fee will be used to promote the charitable activities of the Surveillance Studies Network, support the continued publication of the Journal of Surveillance and Society and give other benefits to members.

There will be a formal conference dinner at an additional charge.

We are hoping to offer ten reduced-fee places for post-graduate students wishing to give a paper or present a poster display of their research. If you wish to apply for this please register your interest as soon as possible and send an abstract by 7th January 2012. Allocation to these strictly limited places will be based on the quality of the abstract/ research description and on a first-come-first-served basis.

We request that you express your interest in attending the conference by 31st October 2011. Expressions of interest should be sent to sociological.studies@sheffield.ac.uk

300 word abstracts are due by January 7th 2012.

If you wish to attend but do not wish to deliver a paper please also indicate this by January 7th 2012.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

If you wish to present a paper, please submit your 300 word abstract by the 7th January 2012. We are developing a conference website for this purpose. When you submit your abstract we will also ask for the following information so that we can contact you. This information will not be shared with any third parties and will only be used to administer the conference.

- Name
- Country of residence
- Institutional affiliation
- Institutional address
- Telephone number
- Email address
- 300 word abstract

TIMETABLE

- **30th September 2011** Announcement of conference dates and theme
- **31st October 2011** Deadline for expressions of interest from potential delegates
- **7th January 2012** Deadline for receipt of abstracts
- **23rd March 2012** Deadline for receipt of full papers

Please register your interest NOW at sociological.studies@sheffield.ac.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Dr Kirstie Ball
Dr Nicola Green
Professor Clive Norris
Professor Charles Raab
Dr Nils Zurawski