



Transparency

## The Transparency Paradox

A one-day workshop in Maynooth University  
Monday, 24 November, 09.30-17.00  
Renehan Hall, South Campus

The contemporary historical moment is marked by the rise of digital governance, often captured in descriptions of e-government, smart cities and information societies. Attention has been given to the transformative potential of new technology to make governance more efficient, transparent and participatory. However, concerns are mounting over surveillance, intrusions into privacy and the multiple costs and drivers of digital solutions. But the concept of transparency also requires interrogation. What new forms of scrutiny does transparency inaugurate? In what ways is evidence transformed by new visibilities? What new forms of opacity are being produced?

This one-day seminar brings together scholars, experts and industry practitioners from diverse fields to address the above questions. The focus will be on the citizen as sensor, data transparency and privacy; surveillance and security, and new forms of scrutiny.

Invited speakers include:

Peter Fussey, Professor of Sociology at the University of Essex  
Terry Landers, Regional Standards Officer – Western Europe, Microsoft Europe  
Sadhbh McCarthy, Director of the Centre for Irish and European Security  
Peter Graham, Associate Partner, IBM Global Business Services  
Bernd Stahl, Professor and Director of the Centre for Computing and Social Responsibility, De Montfort University  
Dr. Jonas Sjöström, Uppsala University

Admission is free but numbers are limited, so if you wish to attend please contact [anthropology.office@nuim.ie](mailto:anthropology.office@nuim.ie) using “Transparency Workshop” in the subject header on or before 17 November.

Convenors: Brian Donnellan & Mark Maguire

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