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Call for Papers for a special issue of Philosophy and Technology: *“Rethinking surveillance: theories, discourses, structures and practices”*.

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INTRODUCTION

In all social sectors, there has been a significant increase in structures that enable monitoring the everyday activities of individuals and groups. The resulting notion that people are continuously ‘under observation’ has multiple connotations and implications. On the one hand, such technologies promise ‘lean’ solutions to expensive problems and the possibility of providing real-time feedback that enables individuals to take charge of their own wellbeing and behaviour. On the other hand, such technologies create new opportunities for steering individual behaviours in certain ways and thereby raise a number of ethical, legal and social issues.

Recent scholarship on the relationship between the development of new technologies and trends in surveillance points increasing multi-directionality and mutuality of surveillance practices with and through said technologies. New trends in social

monitoring are in a line with a general tendency to seek solutions to social problems (e.g. crime, resource allocation, child welfare, health/lifestyle management) in data aggregation, monitoring, profiling and behavioural tracking.

In this special issue, we aim to bring together contributions from legal, ethical and social scholars, as well as technology developers and engineers that can explore and discuss the synergies, benefits and trade-offs of developments in new technologies and related changes in surveillance structures, discourses and practices. Both theoretical contributions and (sector-specific) case studies are welcome, but all papers need to engage closely with the philosophical implications of the relationship between changes in technology and changes in observational practices.

This special issue of Springer's *Philosophy & Technology* follows the international conference *TILTING Perspectives*, which was held in Tilburg in April, 2015. Although this conference addressed the specific theme of the relationship between surveillance and eHealth, contributions to the special issue focused on health and healthcare are not necessarily (but still welcome).

TOPICS

The topics of interest for the special issue include but are not limited to:

- The relationship between surveillance and privacy/identity management
- Merging lines of bodily and information privacy; bio-surveillance
- Surveillance and sensor networks
- New 'veillance': Coveillance and sousveillance
- Social Media and Mobile applications (including eHealth and mHealth) in relation to surveillance
- Social accountability and ethics
- Social acceptance of surveillance technologies; threshold of legitimacy in monitoring activities
- Developments in data protection reform

TIMETABLE

October 31, 2015: Deadline papers submissions

November 30, 2015: Deadline reviews papers

January 15, 2016: Deadline revised papers

April-May 2016: Publication of the special issue

SUBMISSION DETAILS

To submit a paper for this special issue, authors should go to the journal's Editorial Manager <http://www.editorialmanager.com/phte/> and choose the name of the special issue: *"Rethinking surveillance: theories, discourses, structures and practices"*.

The author (or a corresponding author for each submission in case of co- authored papers) must register into EM.

The author must then select the special issue type: *"Rethinking surveillance: theories, discourses, structures and practices"* from the selection provided in the submission process. This is needed in order to assign the submissions to the Guest Editors.

Submissions will then be assessed according to the following procedure:

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