



**BEYOND BIG DATA  
SURVEILLANCE:  
FREEDOM AND FAIRNESS**

**Beyond Big Data Surveillance:  
Freedom and Fairness**

All panels are livestreamed via Zoom

**Wednesday May 18**

**University of Ottawa, Faculty of Social Sciences 4007**

*08:15 Continental breakfast*

09:00 – 9:05 **David Lyon**, Principal Investigator of the Big Data Surveillance Project, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Law, Queen's University  
Welcome, introduction, land acknowledgement, instructions for livestream

09:05 – 9:10 **Ted Hewitt**, President of SSHRC, welcome remarks

09:10 – 10:30 **PANEL A, Questioning C21st Surveillance in Canada**

Chair: **David Lyon**, Principal Investigator of the Big Data Surveillance Project, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Law, Queen's University

- **Charlie Angus**, MP, Timmins-James Bay
- **Brenda McPhail**, Director, Privacy, Technology & Surveillance, Canadian Civil Liberties Association
- **Tim McSorley**, National Coordinator, International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group
- **Meghan McDermott**, Policy Director, British Columbia Civil Liberties Association

10:30 – 11:00 **Three Minute Research Brief** session followed by **break**  
**Midori Ogasawara**, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Victoria  
**Jessica Percy Campbell**, PhD Candidate, Political Science Department, University of Victoria  
**Sachil Singh**, PhD, Surveillance Studies Centre, Department of Sociology, Queen's University

11:00 – 12:30 **PANEL B, Vulnerability and Manipulation: Surveillance Capitalism and the Social World**

Chair: **Val Steeves**, Professor, Department of Criminology, University of Ottawa

\*The panel will start with a screening of the #tresdancing film, the latest instalment of the Screening Surveillance films.



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- **Chris Gilliard**, Macomb Community College, Dearborn MI (remote panelist)
- **sava saheli singh**, Filmmaker, and Research Fellow, Centre for Law, Technology and Society, University of Ottawa
- **Jane Bailey**, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa (remote panelist)
- **Daphne Guerrero**, Manager, Public Policy and Research, Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch on-site**

13:30 – 14:30 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER, Elizabeth Denham**, Former UK Information Commissioner (2016-2021), and previously the Information and Privacy Commissioner British Columbia and Assistant Privacy Commissioner of Canada

**“Reflections of a Regulator in three headlines”**

Introduction and Chair: Colin Bennett

14:30 – 15:00 **Three Minute Research Brief** followed by **break**  
**Debra Mackinnon**, Assistant Professor, Dept of Interdisciplinary Studies, Lakehead University  
**Janis Wong**, Postdoctoral Research Associate, The Alan Turing Institute, UK  
**Roger von Laufenberg**, PhD, Senior Researcher, Vienna Centre for Societal Security

15:00 – 16:30 **PANEL C, Complex Surveillance: Understood by Fewer 'Insiders' and 'Outsiders'**

Chair: **Kirstie Ball**, Professor, School of Management, University of St. Andrews, UK

- **Jerrold McGrath**, Managing Director, UKAI Projects, Toronto
- **Rashida Richardson** (remote panelist)
- **Janis Wong**, The Alan Turing Institute, London, UK
- **Kate Robertson**, Criminal and Regulatory Lawyer and Research Fellow at The Citizen Lab, Toronto (remote panelist)

19:00 *Dinner (Courtyard Restaurant, 21 George St., Byward Market)*



Thursday May 19

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*08:15 Continental breakfast*

09:00 – 9:05 **David Lyon**, Welcome and housekeeping notes

09:05 – 10:30 **PANEL D, Data-Driven Elections: Democratic Engagement, Information Asymmetries and the Protection of Voter Autonomy**

Chair: **Colin Bennett**, Professor, Political Science, University of Victoria

- **Michael McEvoy**, Information and Privacy Commissioner of BC
- **Fenwick McKelvey**, Associate Professor Communication Studies, Concordia University
- **Jason Woywada**, Executive Director, Freedom of Information and Privacy Association
- **Sara Bannerman**, Canada Research Chair in Communication Policy and Governance, McMaster University

*10:30 – 10:40 **Break***

10:40 – 11:40 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER, Jim Balsillie**, Founder, Centre for Digital Rights  
Founder and Chair, Centre for International Governance Innovation

**“Privacy, Prosperity & Security in the Era of Surveillance Capitalism”**

Introduction and Chair: Val Steeves

*11:40 – 12:00 **Three Minute Research Brief** session  
**Tommy Cooke**, PhD, Fellow, Surveillance Studies Centre, Queen’s University*

*12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch** on-site*



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13:00 – 14:30 **PANEL E, Regulating Surveillance: Unlawful Activities, Transparency Deficits, Public-Private Partnerships and Current Legal Challenges**

Chair: **Stéphane Leman-Langlois**, Canada Research Chair, Professor of Criminology, Université Laval

- **Colin Freeze**, Journalist, Globe and Mail
- **Chris Parsons**, Senior Research Associate, Citizen Lab, Toronto
- **Alana Saulnier**, Assistant Professor, Sociology, Queen's University
- **Gabe Ménard**, Office of the Privacy Commissioner, Ottawa

14:30 – 15:00 **Three Minute Research Brief** followed by **break**  
**Anuj Puri**, PhD, University of St Andrews, UK

**Scott Thompson**, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Saskatchewan

15:00 – 16:30 **PANEL F, Regulating Big Data Platforms: Can it be done?**

Chair: **David Murakami Wood**, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Queen's University

- **Chris Beall**, Policy Lead, Platform Governance, CIGI
- **Matthew Green**, MP for Hamilton Centre (NDP)
- **Tracey Lauriault**, School of Journalism and Communication, Carleton University
- **Teresa Scassa**, Canada Research Chair in Information Law and Policy at the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law
- **Bianca Wylie**, Senior Fellow, CIGI and co-founder, Tech Reset Canada (remote panelist)

16:30 – 17:30 **David Lyon**, **Closing event on BDS project, partner comments**

**William Webster**, Professor, Public Policy and Management, University of Stirling, UK, and Director of CRISP

**Final summary of event and next steps**

19:00 Dinner (*The Lord Elgin Hotel, St. Laurent room*)