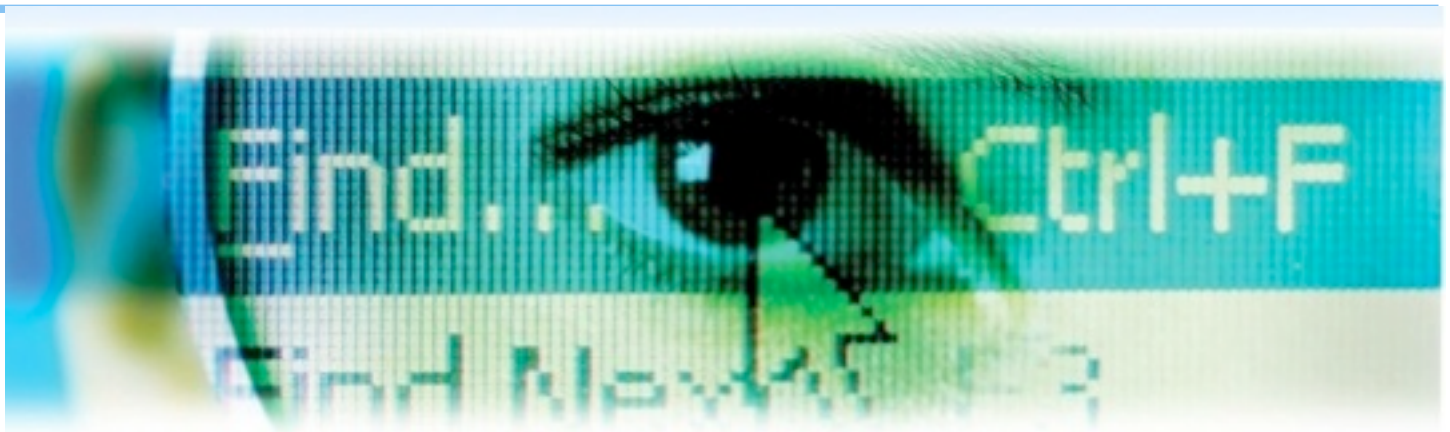# NEWT NEWS

Message from the Director

Rather than comment in a general way about the progress of the NewT project, let me tell you about a meeting I recently attended, with which 2 NewT members were centrally involved. The event was a first-ever symposium of Latin American -- predominantly Brazilian -- Surveillance Studies scholars, held in Curitiba, Brazil (see the English version at www.sssscla.com/index.htm).

NewT member Nelson Arteaga Botello gave an excellent keynote on the reasons why surveillance has been relatively neglected in Latin American scholarship (due to the emphasis given to security studies) and David Murakami Wood, a visiting professor in Curitiba at the time, gave another plenary talk on 'Sadness and Anger in Surveillance Studies' that picked up on the sometimes neglected emotional dimensions of surveillance. My own keynote looked at what I call the 'surveillance spiral' in which in contexts of rapidly expanding socio-economic inequality, surveillance becomes self-augmenting.

Other papers, mainly from graduate students, were on internet surveillance, police surveillance, and urban surveillance systems using CCTV, or in one case, RFID chips in cars in São Paulo. Some talks engaged interestingly with film and with mapping technologies (especially crime-mapping). The best will appear in a special issue of *Surveillance & Society*. Some grad students from Mexico and Brazil also attended the May 2009 Summer Seminar in Surveillance Studies at Queen's University (http://www.surveillanceproject.org/SSSS09).

The meeting in Brazil complements other initiatives that NewT promised to encourage, that attempt to further our understanding of surveillance in the global south (the December 2008 workshop in Cyprus, on surveillance in Israel and the Occupied Territories being an obvious example). There is much to be learned from situations that are sometimes very different from those in North America and Western Europe. ID cards, for example, may be vital to human rights -- as they are in Argentina -- as well as challenging to such rights in these and other contexts.

Enjoy this issue of the *NewT Newsletter* and keep up the good work in Surveillance Studies! Do let us know what's happening in your NewT research.

David

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In this Issue:

IRSP IV Workshop Report:
Exploring the Relationship Between Surveillance and States of Exception

By Martin French

I had a most interesting bus ride recently. I had just attended an international research workshop on 'States of Exception, Surveillance and Population Management'. The workshop, which was convened under the auspices of The Surveillance Project's 'New Transparency' Collaborative Research Initiative, ran over two days (December 6-7, 2008) and brought together researchers from around the world to give specific consideration to surveillance practices in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. The workshop was held in Cyprus, near Larnaca, in close proximity to the conflict zone under consideration.

My bus ride, arranged by the States of Exception workshop organizers, traveled in-land from Larnaca, coming eventually to the Buffer Zone (BZ) that divides the island of Cyprus. The BZ is kind of a like a scar, the mark of a fiercely contested conflict. In some places, empty buildings, still under the surveillance of armed soldiers, stand as desolate monuments to displaced peoples. And yet, in other places, even inside the BZ, life goes on. There are some 8,000 people who live and work in this Z, which covers about 3% of the island, and bisects five inhabited villages.[1] Viscerally, and conceptually, the BZ exemplifies

Photo by Joan Sharpe

Panel H: Citizenship Criteria and State Construction

Left to Right: Ilana Feldman, Helga Tawil Souri, Neve Gordon, Samera Esmeir, and Usama Halabi.

the problematic, paradoxical relation between the rule and the exception; it is a threshold, an in-between space that both complicates and legitimates sovereign power.

With the Cypriot BZ in the figurative (and literal) background, workshop participants met to consider the relationship between surveillance, conflict and states of exception. On the first day of the workshop, researchers presented on theories of surveillance in conflict zones, civilian surveillance, the (global) political economy of surveillance, as well as efforts to resist surveillance. On the second, on surveillance and the control of space, population and territory management in conflict zones, racialization, social sorting and categorization, as well as the construction of citizenship under states of exception. Each presentation was followed by critical and lively discussion.

The workshop began to make good the dearth of empirically informed surveillance studies research on the Middle East. At the same time, several theoretical questions were raised and left open. For instance, are theories of the state of exception adequate for thinking about the relationship between surveillance and conflict zones?

Additionally, does the study of 'conflict zones' as such risk too much abstraction, and thereby threaten to evince the individuality unique to each conflict? These questions, and others besides, merit further inquiry.

Such ongoing inquiry, as that made possible by The New Transparency Research Initiative, will, no doubt, be timely. As the States of Exception workshop drew to a

1 Costas M. Constantinou. 2008. "On the Cypriot States of Exception," *International Political Sociology* 2(2): 145-164.

NewTs in the News

A week-long series called 'Under Surveillance: The Surveillance Society' was featured in the Ottawa Citizen in January 2009 and picked up across the country. The series was written by journalist Don Butler and involved several members of The New Transparency Project, including Colin Bennett, Kevin Haggerty, Ian Kerr, Phillipa Lawson, David Lyon, and Daniel Trottier.

See the following stories at
http://www.surveillanceproject.org/node/292:

- Part I: A very different world
  Since 9/11 the use of close-circuit TV cameras has exploded

- Part II: Devil in the details
  When it comes to social sorting, you are what you eat, buy, surf, post

- Part III: Social networking or social spying?

- Part IV: Keeping tabs goes high-tech
  More and more, we're spying on each other — and it's getting easier

- Part V: You've been targeted
  Information gathering has become the stuff of KGB, Gestapo fantasies, privacy experts warn

- Part VI: Everyone's watching
  A pioneering 'cyborg' says turning the tables — and cameras — on Big Brother is the answer.

Some of the articles featured in the last several months involving commentary by team members include:

- Anonymity is becoming a thing of the past, study says- cbc.ca, with Ian Kerr and Valerie Steeves

- Do you want Google tracking your every move? - CTV.ca, with Daniel Trottier

- He knows if you're awake ... By Arthur Cockfield - Ottawa Citizen

- U.S. air-security rules cause Canadian turbulence - globeandmail.com, with Roch Tassee, ICLMG

- Enhanced driver's licence or national identity card? TheStar.com, Opinion by Andrew Clement and Colin Bennett

- Driving Your Liberties Away: Biometrics and Enhanced' Drivers Licenses - Open Source Opinion by Christopher Parsons

- Fears Over Possible Genetic Profiling From Birth- Sunday Herald, with David Murakami Wood

- Enhanced driver's license program a "threat" to privacy- itbusiness.ca, Andrew Clement

- Now Showing: The EDL Security Show, Atlantic Free Press, by Christopher Parsons

For a listing of these articles online, see:
http://www.surveillanceproject.org/NewT_News

Collaboration 2.0

Over the course of the first year of the New Transparency Project, team members have been sharing research through online communication means. Some recent additions have been:

- The first blog has been posted at http://www.surveillanceproject.org/projects/the-new-transparency/news/blog-spot. All team members are encouraged to post comments or blogs on NewT related topics.

- A series of NewT Working Papers are now available under 'Resources/ Online Reports' at http://www.surveillanceproject.org/node/249 So far, there are papers on:

  o *Deep Packet Inspection in Perspective: Tracing its lineage and surveillance potentials*, By Christopher Parsons, January 2009, IRSP II.

  o *Canadian and Israeli Defense -- Industrial and Homeland Security Ties: An Analysis*, by Kole Kilibarda, November 2008, IRSP IV.

  o *The Political Economy of Israel's Homeland Security*, by Neve Gordon, April 2009, IRSP IV.

- Annotated bibliographies for IRSP I are now featured online at http://www.surveillanceproject.org/about/IRSP_1

These include:

  o *Innovation Process*, by Brenda McPhail, May 2009.

  o *Innovation Diffusion and Technology Transfer*, by Sandra Robinson, May 2009.

  o *Supply Chain Management*, by Caroline Emberson, June 2009.

  o *Competition,* by Sotiris Rompas, June 2009.

- Resources and posts have been made in the members only Team Login section of the website http://www.surveillanceproject.org/projects/the-new-transparency/team-home

- Newt E-Newsletters were introduced to the listserv in November and appear periodically to share research and collaboration news. These are archived under the 'Team Login' section of website under 'Team Resources'.

- News, resources and events pages are continually updated (with links) on the website.

Please continue to share work, events, publications, news stories, collaboration, resources, posts, and information on IRSPs, by sending messages to the listserv, posting in the Team Forum or by emailing smithea@queensu.ca

Partnerships

Several team members were awarded research funding from the Canadian Federal Office of the Privacy Commissioner (Ottawa) under its Contributions Program:

- The Surveillance Project, under the supervision of David Lyon, received $50,000 for a project entitled "Camera Surveillance in Canada: Current Trends." This work was coordinated by Jason Pridmore and Patrick Derby, and was undertaken by a new group, inaugurated at Queen's in March 2008,

Partnerships (Continued)

called SCAN -- "Surveillance Camera Awareness Network." Researchers at the universities of Alberta, Carleton, UQAM, Victoria, Windsor and Queen's are involved in the collaboration. A Report on Camera Surveillance in Canada: Part One, Prepared by the Surveillance Camera Awareness Network (SCAN) for the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada is now available here: http://www.surveillanceproject.org/projects/scan

- Kevin Haggerty and Philip Boyle at the University of Alberta were awarded $49,565 to study "Privacy Games: The Vancouver Olympics, Privacy and Surveillance" This report is available on our website here: http://www.surveillanceproject.org/node/249

- Valerie Steeves is working on 3 projects with the OPC: Kids' Online Privacy: An Overview of Social Science Research on Kids; Use of New Media; Kids' Online Privacy: An Overview of Legislative Reform Options; and meeting with the Children's Online Privacy Working Group to explore possible legislative amendments to better protect the online privacy of children.

In addition, a National Public Forum on Enhanced Drivers Licences (EDLs) was held in Ottawa March 24, 2009 with NewT partner ICLMG. See http:/IDforum.ca/

Workshop Report (Continued)

close, massive rioting swept across nearby Greece in response to the police killing of 15-year-old Alexandros Grigoropoulos.

Not three weeks later Israeli forces moved into Gaza, commencing an assault that would ultimately kill some 1,300 people. The juxtaposition of these disparate events, exceptional in their own right, underscores both the fragility and ferocity characteristic of the exercise of sovereign power.

To the extent that surveillance facilitates the exercise of sovereign power by making links between exceptional events, and to the extent that exceptional events are used to further intensify and experiment with surveillance, conflict zones such as in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, must come to assume a more central position in surveillance studies. At the conclusion of the States of Exception workshop, Dr. Elia Zureik underscored this point. Such a line of inquiry, he suggested, will help scholars to develop a better understanding of the buffer zone, if you will, between the biopolitics of surveillance and what might be termed the necropolitics of war.

*The **States of Exception workshop, Surveillance and Population Management: The Case of Israel/Palestine**, was held on December 6 - 7, 2008 in Larnaca, Cyprus (IRSP IV). Papers from this workshop are now being compiled into an edited collection. For more information see:* http://www.surveillanceproject.org/events/states_of_exception
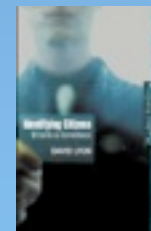
Congratulations to team members on the following publications:

Jon Coaffee, David Murakami Wood, and Peter Rogers (December 2008) *The Everyday Resilience of the City: How Cities Respond to Terrorism and Disaster*, Palgrave Macmillan.

Ian Kerr, Valerie Steeves and Carole Lucock (eds) (March 2009) *Lessons from the Identity Trail: Anonymity, Privacy and Identity in a Networked World*, Oxford University Press.

David Lyon (June 2009) *Identifying Citizens: ID Cards as Surveillance*, Polity Press.

Team News

CONGRATULATIONS

Martin French, who successfully defended his PhD at Queen's University in January 2009. Martin now holds a post-doc at the University of Toronto, Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation.

Kevin Haggerty was awarded the University of Alberta's prestigious Martha Cook Piper Research Prize for 2008 in the Social Sciences, Humanities, Fine Arts, Law and Education category http://www.surveillanceproject.org/node/248 and the Faculty of Arts award for Associate Professors: www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/arts/research_awards.cfm

David Lyon who was named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, one of 72 new Fellows and two Specially Elected Fellows http://www.surveillanceproject.org/node/236

Jason Pridmore on his new position as senior researcher at the DigIdeas project under the direction of NewT collaborator Irma van der Ploeg at Zuyd University in The Netherlands.

Christopher Parsons was awarded a SSHRC doctoral fellowship.

Keith Spiller, a post doctoral researcher hired by the Leverhulme Trust for 3 years starting in January 2009 at The Open University, UK, under the project 'Taking Liberties: New uses of consumer data in the UK', involving Kirstie Ball in conjunction with NewT.

Elia Zureik who was selected for one of two Queen's University 2008 Prizes for Excellence in Research http://www.surveillanceproject.org/node/250

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Murakami Wood and William Webster were awarded funding by the European Science Foundation for a new pan-European network, 'Living in Surveillance Societies' (LiSS). The network will run for 5 years, supporting meetings, conferences and some research visits across the whole of Europe, particularly focusing on developing Early Career Researchers. In the initial bid, 80 researchers from 22 countries across Europe were involved, however this could expand further. One of LiSS's goals will be to link up and synergize with NewT, and with the Surveillance Studies Network.

Colin Bennett and **Christopher Parsons** have received a grant for $28,211 from the Federal Office of the Privacy Commissioner under the Contributions Program to develop a repository of information about Deep-Packet Inspection in Canada. See: http://www.priv.gc.ca/media/nr-c/2009/nr-c_090529_cp_e.cfm

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Cockfield, Arthur J. (2008). 'Examining Policy Options for the Taxation of Outbound Investments', for the Department of Finance and the Advisory Panel on Canada's System of International Taxation.

Cockfield, Arthur J. (2009). 'Fighting Terror while Preserving Free Speech', for the Department of Justice.

Monahan, Torin. (2009). The Murky World of 'Fusion Centres'. *Criminal Justice Matters* 75 (1): 20-21. Available at: http://torinmonahan.com/papers/Fusion_centers_CJM.pdf

Have a book or article to announce? Email smithea@queensu.ca

Photo by Bernard Clark

Team News (Continued)

David J. Phillips, Nancy Paterson and **Andrew Clement** were awarded $50K, for a 1 year SSHRC grant that is affiliated with NewT, namely 'Carrier Hotels- Mapping Internet Interconnection'. One of the key features is to reveal the internet exchange points where the NSA has been conducting its unwarranted wiretapping. See: http://www.ischool.utoronto.ca/news-events/news/professors-awarded-more-than-500000-for-research

David J. Phillips was awarded a SSHRC Standard Research grant for $129,810 for a project called "Spatiality, Identity, and the Infrastructure of Ubiquitous Computing: Directions for Critical Intervention".

SCAN (Surveillance Camera Awareness Network) was awarded $50,000 by (OPC) to build on research, organize a workshop, and commission papers on privacy and camera surveillance. See: http://www.priv.gc.ca/media/nr-c/2009/nr-c_090529_cp_e.cfm

Laureen Snider was awarded a SSHRC Standard Research grant for $110,000 for a project called "Corporate crime, surveillance and the asymmetries of power".

RESOURCES

Canadian Identity Forum, University of Toronto, a space to learn about and discuss the development of Canadian identity documents http:/IDforum.ca/

Facial Recognition Technology: A Survey of Policy and Implementation Issues, by Lucas D. Introna and Helen Nissenbaum, with support from the US Department of Homeland Security and the NYU Center fro Catastrophe Preparedness and Response. http://www.nyu.edu/projects/nissenbaum/index41009.html

ICLMG Watch Lists and Border Controls research project documenting the surveillance of travellers to inform their work promoting and defending civil liberties and human rights. http://www.travelwatchlist.ca/

Italian Group on Surveillance Studies http://studisullasorveglianza.wordpress.com/

Law and Technology Theory Blog organized by Arthur Cockfield http://techtheory.blogspot.com

NewT Working Papers and Annotated Bibliographies http://www.surveillanceproject.org/node/249

Notes from the Ubiquitous Surveillance Society blog by David Murakami Wood http://ubisurv.wordpress.com/

Privacy Advocates website to facilitate communication between individuals and groups that have emerged from civil society, as well as researchers and other people in the wider community. http://privacyadvocates.ca/ The idea for this website originated from Colin Bennett's latest book *The Privacy Advocates: Resisting the Spread of Surveillance.*

SCAN and its continuing work on camera surveillance in Canada, funded by our partner the Federal Office of the Privacy Commissioner (OPC). http://www.surveillanceproject.org/projects/scan

Surveillance & Society http://www.surveillance-and-society.org/ojs/ recent issues: 6(1) *Revisiting Video Surveillance*, edited by David Murakami Wood 6(2) *Health, Medicine and Surveillance* edited by Sarah Earle, Pam Foley, Carol Komaromy and Cathy E. Lloyd, 6(3) *Surveillance and Resistance*, edited by Laura Huey and Luis A. Fernandez

Coming Soon: *Gender, Sexuality and Surveillance*, edited by Kirstie Ball, Nicola Green, Hille Koskela and David J. Phillips (July 2009) *Performance, New Media, and Surveillance*, edited by John E. McGrath and Robert W. Sweeny (October 2009).

UK House of Lords Constitution Committee on Surveillance '**Surveillance: Citizens and the State**'. See http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200809/ldselect/ldconst/18/1802.htm Charles Raab was Specialist Advisor to the select Committee and other NewT team members were involved as witnesses. See responses to this in S&S: http://www.surveillance-and-society.org/ojs/index.php/journal/issue/view/Resistance

International Survey on Privacy and Surveillance now available for public use in data archive in Odesi- contact Jeff Moon (moonj@queensu.ca), Head, Maps, Data and Government Information Centre, Queen's University. The final GPD findings report is located here: http://www.surveillanceproject.org/research/intl_survey

Upcoming Events

Surveillance Games

November 20 - 21, 2009
Vancouver, BC, Canada

For more information see:
http://www.surveillanceproject.
org/node/204

Future Workshops:

The Role of Technology Companies (IRSP I)
Open University, UK
September 10-12, 2010

Cyber Surveillance (IRSP II)
University of Toronto, Canada
tentatively May 2011

Post 9/11 (IRSP III)
Queen's University, ON, Canada
September 2011

For the events calendar, go to:
http://www.surveillanceproject.
org/projects/the-new-
transparency/events/calendar

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