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PRIVACY?

Privacy, as its English usage suggests, is a place and a possession as much as an idea or abstract right—a physical realm supposedly separate from public view. In a world in which technology permeates the personal, the everyday, the intimate, what meaning does this value have? Where privacy is voluntarily surrendered, what is it worth to individuals? And where the internet makes possible mass surveillance, what protections are there for the space, and the experience, of privacy? This conference examines not only the legal arrangements affecting privacy—and the time-lag between law and technological advance—but privacy as a philosophical concept and a cultural tenet. What divisions of activity and status created the idea of “privacy” in the first instance? Is it a disappearing value, or is its erosion a source of crisis? Does the sheer extensiveness of the surveillance enabled by technologies of communication cancel the significance of such monitoring, or generate new forms of persecution?

#### With

Roger Berkowitz  
Kerry Bystrom  
Alexander García Düttmann  
Christian Heller  
Scott Horton  
Tom Keenan  
Anna Kim  
Hubertus Knabe  
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Catherine Toal  
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#### Thursday – 7 May 2015

19:30: INTRODUCTION AND OPENING KEYNOTE PANEL  
**Privacy, Secrecy, and Publicity**  
Scott Horton  
Tom Keenan

#### Friday – 8 May 2015

10:00 – 12:00: INTRODUCTION AND PANEL I  
**Is Privacy an Essential Right in a Democracy?**  
Kerry Bystrom  
Christian Heller  
Ben Wizner

Moderator: Agata Lisiak

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00: PANEL II  
**Is Privacy a Nostalgic Desire, and Have We Always Been Losing Privacy?**  
Anna Kim  
Hubertus Knabe  
Ewa Majewska

Moderator: Ewa Atanassow

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:30: PANEL III  
**Does Privacy Matter?**  
Roger Berkowitz  
Alexander García Düttmann  
Catherine Toal

Moderator: James Burton

**Closing Remarks**