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# Data matters

## Digital technologies and the politics of bordering

**May 23 2019** University of Zurich, Department of Geography  
Winterthurerstrasse 190, 8057 Zurich, Switzerland

**May 24 2019** ETH Zurich, Center for Security Studies  
Haldeneggsteig 4, 8006 Zurich, Switzerland

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## Digital technologies and the politics of bordering

International Workshop at University of Zurich and ETH Zurich

May 23 2019

**Venue**                    **University of Zurich, Campus Irchel**  
Winterthurerstrasse 190, 8057 Zurich, **Room Y34 F 01**

12.30 – 13.00    Arrival and light refreshments

13.00 – 13.30    **Introduction** *Matthias Leese, Simon Noori and Stephan Scheel*

13.30 – 14.15    **Experimentality, surplus data and the politics of debilitation in borderzones**  
*Claudia Aradau, King's College London*

14.15 – 15.00    **Controlling Infrastructures:  
An Inquiry into the Socio-Technical Design of Security Databases**  
*Georgios Glouftsiotis, University of Trento (co-author: R. Bellanova, UvA)*

15.00 – 15.30    Coffee break

15.30 – 16.15    **Data (In)Justice at the Border:  
Embodiments of Datafied Border Regimes in Europe**  
*Philippa Metcalfe, Cardiff University*

16.15 – 17.00    **Good Drones at EU Borders?  
A controversial technology in the realms of humanitarianism**  
*Panagiotis Loukinas, Queen's University Belfast*

17.00 – 17.30    Coffee break

17.30 – 18.15    **A biometric trial:  
Bodies, blame and the screening of 'suspicious migrants'**  
*Bruno Magalhães, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro and University of Amsterdam*

18.15 – 19.00    **Making the North American Security/Mobility Nexus Visible:  
Algorithms as technopolitical and media Infrastructures**  
*David Grondin, University of Montreal*

19.00 – 20.00    Transfer to Hotel Marta (Zähringerstrasse 36, 8001 Zurich)

20.00                **Dinner** at Restaurant Café Zähringer (Zähringerplatz 11, 8001 Zurich)



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IFW Building, Haldeneggsteig 4, 8006 Zurich, **Room E 42**

08.45 – 09.00    Arrival and light refreshments

09.00 – 09.45    **Datafy, choke and disregard:  
Asylum's digital disruptions**  
*Martina Tazzioli, University of Swansea*

09.45 – 10.30    **Financializing Humanitarian Innovation**  
*Cybele Atme, University of Amsterdam*

10.30 – 11.00    Coffee break

11.00 – 11.45    **The Digital and Virtual Biopolitics of Air-border Security Regimes:  
An Analysis into Hong Kong International Airport**  
*Anna Okada, Durham University*

11.45 – 12.30    **Policing Borders and Automated Policing: An Empirical Study of  
Border Guard Practices and Automated Border Control Systems**  
*Jérémy Grosman, University of Namur*

12.30 – 14.00    Lunch break

14.00 – 14.45    **Baza and v'ezd vyezd:  
Recursivity, data automation and condition of semi-deportability  
among migrant workers in Russia**  
*Anton Nikolotov, Humboldt University Berlin*

14.45 – 15.30    **Utility and Limits of Biometrics:  
The use of Eurodac database in the Swiss case**  
*Ibrahim Soysüren and Mihaela Nedelcu, University of Neuchâtel*

15.30 – 16.00    Coffee break

16.00 – 16.30    **Final Discussion** *Matthias Leese, Simon Noori and Stephan Scheel*