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Rethinking Privacy: Interdisciplinary Perspectives



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For roughly two hundred years, Western liberal societies have enshrined privacy as a social value and legal right. But in recent decades, privacy has come under intense pressure. States engage in surveillance on an unprecedented scale, Internet companies sell the personal information of their users, and ordinary people willingly share the most intimate details of their lives.

In response, commentators often defend privacy in an uncritical spirit, or they conclude that the age of privacy is over once and for all. By contrast, this symposium, co-hosted by the DFG-Research Project “American Literature and the Transformation of Privacy” at Goethe-Universität Frankfurt and the DFG-Research Training Group “Privatheit und Digitalisierung” at Universität Passau, brings together leading and upcoming interdisciplinary scholars from the United States of America and Germany in order to sound out more level-headed reflections on the challenges to privacy.

Contributors from the fields of History, Literary Studies, Political Theory, Sociology, Law, and Cultural Studies will use the current structural transformation of privacy as an opportunity to rethink how to approach privacy in the twenty-first century.

Schedule

Sarah Igo – Vanderbilt University

10:00 – 11:00

Histories of Privacy (And Why They Matter)

Sandra Seubert – Goethe-University Frankfurt

11:00 – 12:00

Suspiciously Ordinary:

Socio-Critical Reflections on the Concept of Privacy

Martin Stempfhuber – University of Würzburg

12:00 – 13:00

*Embedded Privacies: Some Recent Development
in the Sociology of Privacy 2.0*

David Rosen – Trinity College, Hartford CT & Aaron Santesso – Georgia Institute of Technology

14:00 – 15:00

*Public in Private: Some Problems of Communication
in Contemporary American Literature and Culture*

Lukas Edeler – University of Passau

15:00 – 16:00

*Privacy as a Lens on State Socialist Societies?
Historiographic Perspectives*

Christian Aldenhoff – University of Passau

16:00 – 17:00

Autonomy as the Foundation for a Right to Privacy

