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Workshop “The Politics of Privacy”
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz
(Germany), 5–6 December 2019
THE POLITICS OF PRIVACY

The ECREA Communication and Democracy Section invites contributions to an off-year workshop on the political implications of privacy. Questions related to the individual and organizational management of information boundaries spread across the field of communication and media studies. Herein, politics, in a narrow and broader sense, play a role in myriad ways: How can one conceive of privacy as realized within mediated societal and communicative relations? How can we explore the management of privacy affecting processes of institutionalized and practice-based joint decision-making? How is privacy imprinted in technology? Which notions of privacy play a role across policies and media?

This workshop explores contemporary and future directions of communication and media research perspectives on political implications of privacy. Beyond well-established fields of media related privacy research, such as media psychology or privacy activism, we seek for debates across the discipline. Political dimensions of privacy emerge in diverse communication and media subfields, such as political communication, journalism, media management or visual communication. We invite diverse contributions, irrespective of whether relational, rational, contextual, differential concepts of privacy or even approaches beyond privacy, such as data justice, are applied.

We look forward to a productive workshop setting with lively, cross-disciplinary academic exchange that encourages future academic networking. Limited travel grants can eventually be made available for doctoral and post-doctoral researchers (decision pending). The evening program includes visiting the beautiful Mainz old town Christmas Market.

Keynotes:

Constanze Kurz
(Chaos Computer Club)

Sami Coll
(University of Geneva)

Submission:
Please submit a 500 words abstract until 15 July 2019 to politicsofprivacy@uni-mainz.de. Notification of acceptance will be issued by 31 August 2019.

Publication:
We will invite a selection of papers to contribute to a special issue of the open access journal “Media and Communication”. Guest editors are: Johanna E. Möller (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz), Jakub Nowak (Maria Curie-Sklodowska University), Judith E. Möller (University of Amsterdam) and Sigrid Kannengießer (University of Bremen).

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