



“Eyes & apps on the streets: From natural surveillance to crime sousveillance”

An international seminar on social control in the digital era

School of Architecture & the Built Environment-KTH

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Time: 9:00-17:00

Venue: Valhallavägen 79, OpenLab, Multihallen, Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan, Stockholm, Sweden

Since Jane Jacobs’s 1961 seminal work **The Death and Life of Great American Cities** (Jacobs, 1961), we have countless times heard the key concept of “eyes on the street”. Jacobs wrote that, in order for a street to be a safe place, it has to promote natural **surveillance**: “there must be eyes upon the street, eyes belonging to those we might call the natural proprietors of the street.” In the era of smartphones, ‘eyes’ are complemented by ‘apps’, giving expression to new ways of depicting what happens in public space and perhaps redefining the role of guardians. Compared with the old “eyes on the street”, the new exercise of social control invites a number of other senses than sight, such as touch and sound using personal smartphones and other devices (**sousveillance**). An incident that happens on the street is still local (attached to a physical place and a pair of coordinates), but can now be seen by far-away eyes, as soon it is shared over the internet. We suggest that Jacobs’ sense of “natural proprietors of the street” acquires an entirely different meaning as those who set a record on the (m)app are not only residents but also temporary visitors or transients, perhaps with no attachment to the area. What does this development mean for the understanding of situational conditions of crime and crime prevention?



In this seminar we bring together international scholars from different disciplines and countries to discuss the nature of social control in the digital era and the potential effects of new technologies to crime and crime prevention. To what extent the use of these technologies and the new practices they impose, ‘blur’ the accepted roles of crime controllers, offenders and victims? How have these technologies impacted on the way protesters take their message to the streets and also how they interact with law enforcement in events of police brutality? These are examples of the questions we are going to discuss in this seminar. Don’t miss it!

Vania Ceccato, chairman of the seminar

Registration

This event is **free-of-charge** but [registration](#) is mandatory by **4th September**.



Organiser

SPEAKERS (in alphabetical order)

Danielle M. Reynald, Griffith University, Australia



Danielle is a criminologist at the Griffith Criminology Institute and Senior Lecturer at the School of Criminology & Criminal Justice at Griffith University in Australia. Her main line of research focuses on guardianship, or how citizens function (or fail to function) as effective crime controllers across different contexts (eg. residential, work, cyberspace), and against various types of crime (including property crime, sexual violence and abuse, cyberabuse and workplace). Her research utilizes multiple methods—such as observations, interviews, surveys, experiments—to develop a better understanding about how and under what circumstances citizens function most/least effectively as agents of crime disruption and prevention. Her other related research areas include crime prevention through environmental design and offender decision making.

Elizabeth Groff, Temple university, USA



Elizabeth is an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Temple University. Dr. Groff's research interests are in the areas of geographic criminology, agent-based modeling, police practices and the use of technology in policing. One area of focus over the last ten years has been on developing evidence to improve police practice. For example, she has examined how agencies can communicate crime statistics without increasing fear of crime (Redlands, CA), the impact of using AVL to provide feedback on patrol levels achieved (Dallas, TX) and which policing tactics are effective (Philadelphia, PA). She is a Fellow of the Academy of Experimental Criminology and serves on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, the *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* and the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*.

Johannes Knutsson, Norwegian Police University College, Norway/Sweden



Johannes is Professor Emeritus of Police Research at the Norwegian Police University College. He has been employed at the Swedish National Police Academy and the Swedish National Police Board. He has conducted studies with and for the police for 40 years. Among other publications he has co-edited several books on different aspects of policing – the latest [*Applied Police Research. Challenges and Opportunities*](#) (with Ella Cockbain, from 2014) and [*Advances in Evidence Based Policing*](#) (with Lisa Tompson, from 2017).

Lucas Melgaço, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium



Lucas is a Professor at the Department of Criminology and is a former post-doctoral researcher at the same department. He was also a former post-doc at the Surveillance Studies Centre at Queen's University, Canada and at the Department of Geography at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. He has a doctorate degree in Social Geography from a partnership between the University of São Paulo and the University of Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne. His main scientific interests are in the domains of surveillance, public order, social movements and protests, policing, urban criminology, social geography, and in the relationships between information and communication technologies, space and security. He has also worked on translating and introducing the theories of the Brazilian scholar Milton Santos to the English-speaking community. Lucas is editor-in-chief of the journal *Criminological Encounters*.

Marcus Felson, Texas State University, USA



Marcus has been a leader not only in crime theory ("the routine activity approach") but also in applying that theory to reducing crime. His central argument is that everyday legal activities set the stage for the illegal activities that feed on them. Before Texas State University, he was professor at the Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice and the University of Illinois and has been Visiting Scholar at the University of Stockholm. He is a foreign honorary member of the Netherlands Academy of Sciences. He received his B.A. from the University of Chicago and his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. Professor Felson has been guest lecturer in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, El Salvador, England, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Scotland, Spain, South Africa, Sweden and Switzerland. He is coauthor of "Opportunity Makes the Thief" and author of Crime and Nature, as well as Crime and Everyday Life, in its fourth edition.

Stefan Holgersson, Linköping university, Sweden



Stefan is an Associate Professor at Department of Management and Engineering/Information Systems, Linköping University, Linköping, Sweden. Holgersson has conducted research over 20 years about the Swedish police and has been a police officer for 25 years. He works at the field in a patrol car in the south part of Stockholm. His research is in different areas within the police and just now he is studying the 'dialogue police'-model, the police work with traffic safety and the centralization of the police organization. Most of the time he is doing action research and cooperate at different hierarchy levels within the police.

Tamara Madensen, University of Nevada, USA



Tamara Madensen received her Ph.D. in criminal justice from the University of Cincinnati. She is an associate professor of criminal justice and graduate director at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Madensen is the director of the Crowd Management Research Council and serves as associate director of the Center for Crime and Justice Policy. She uses the Crime Science perspective to study the criminological impact of the design and management of places, and studies crowd dynamics that lead to violence. Her research and teaching projects involve working directly with police, private security, and stadium/venue operators. She serves as an Editorial Advisory Board member for the Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Journal of Crime Science, and Justice Policy Journal.

Vania Ceccato, Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden - chairman



Vania coordinates the national network [SafePlaces](#) sponsored by BRÅ – The National Crime Prevention Council in Sweden. Ceccato is an Associate Professor at Department of Urban Planning and Environment, Royal Institute of Technology (KTH). Her research is on the situational conditions of crime and crime prevention. She is interested in the space-time dynamics of crime and people's routine activity. She has published in international journals, mostly in Criminology, Geography and Urban Planning and is the author of [Rural crime and community safety](#) (2016, Routledge), [Moving Safely, Crime and perceived safety in Stockholm's subway stations](#) (2013) and the editor of [The urban fabric of crime and fear](#) (2012) and co-editor of [Safety and Security in Transit Environments: An Interdisciplinary Approach](#) (2015, Palgrave) with Andrew Newton. Since 2016, Ceccato serves as an [International Ambassador of British Society of Criminology \(BSC\)](#).

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Venue/Directions

The venue of the seminar (OpenLab, Multihallen) is located at entrance of the campus of KTH Royal Institute of Technology, at Valhallavägen 79.



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From Stockholm's central station, take the Red underground line towards Mörby centrum, get off at "Tekniska Högskolan" station. Take exit "Tekniska Högskolan", you will see the venue on your right, a red-brick house, Valhallavägen 79, OpenLab, Multihallen.

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Organizer

