

Anticipate and Preempt: Speculative Security Politics and the European Union

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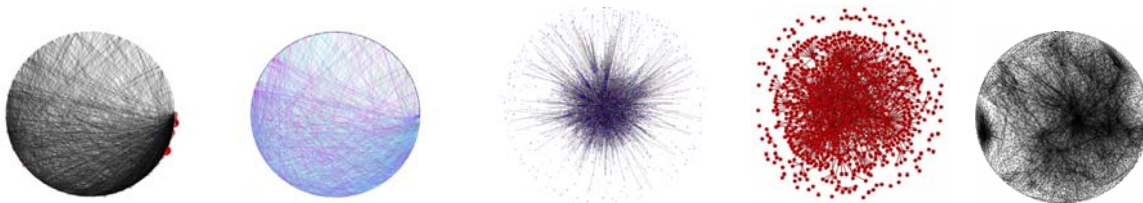
CALL FOR PAPERS

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The security politics of the European Union and its member states are increasingly geared toward preemptive and anticipatory objectives. From countering radicalisation to terrorist proscription and listing; from critical infrastructure protection to cybersecurity; from tracing movements of persons across borders to tracking terrorism financing, new security practices attempt to interrupt potential threats at the earliest possible stage. They aim to imagine, anticipate, and preempt dangers that are understood as unpredictable yet potentially catastrophic; and to ‘connect the dots’ of potential future threat. Such measures are often articulated in the sphere of counterterrorism, but they are increasingly invoked in relation to organised crime, migration, climate politics and financial security. For example, exceptional and anticipatory measures like intervention by the executive and stress testing are important in relation to the way the current financial crisis is handled in Europe.

Anticipatory security is intimately tied to cultural modes of (pre)mediation, speculation and imagination. This relates not just to the popular and political mediation of threat or catastrophe; but also for example to work of exercises, scenarios, and algorithmic calculations of suspicious relations. Various understood through the lens of ‘precaution,’ ‘speculation’ or ‘anticipation’, these security programmes raise urgent questions concerning their effects and politics, and the relations they forge between intimate and transnational settings.



We invite paper proposals from scholars across the social sciences and humanities studying anticipatory security politics in Europe from multiple perspectives.

Themes of interest include (but are not limited to):

Preemption, precaution, premediation, speculation
 Anticipatory knowledge practices like stress testing and scenario planning
 Cultural mediation and imagination of threat and suspicion
 Anticipatory visualisations
 Affect and preemption
 Anticipation and preemption in: financial security; climate politics; or cybersecurity
 Terrorism trials & law
 Databases, dataveillance, data mining, algorithms
 Countering radicalisation
 Critical infrastructure protection and civil protection
 Terrorist listing and asset freezing
 Secrecy and/or intelligence
 EU security bureaucracy
 Preemption and international law
 EU internal security agendas
 Control and surveillance of borders and/or migrants
 Transnational security and/or police relations
 'Resilience' as a security concept
 Security technology and the private sector

Please submit paper proposals (200-300 words) by **December 1, 2012** to

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