European Boundaries of Humanity 2

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How is Europe dealing with the concepts of community, citizenship and humanity concepts? What is the kind of universalism that is displayed, believed, practiced by the European Union? What are the relations with its neighbours and the world in general? The idea of this conference is to invite sociologists, political theorists and jurists working from an international political sociology perspective to meet and discuss philosophers, lawyers coming from critical legal theory around the theme of the boundaries framing the conceptualisation of humanity when enunciated by the EU. It will be the occasion to discuss the transformation of the practices and surveillance of mobility, and the reconfiguration of the relation to freedom and fundamental rights implied by the establishment of a discourse of dangerousness and suspicion going along with techniques of “anticipation” and prediction.

FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER

FIRST SESSION: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

“Technologies, Bodies and Identities: The Reframing of Human Boundaries”

The technological practices of biometrics and exchange of data between state bureaucracies concerning the authentification of individuals and reasons of rejection or pre-emptive policy of interdiction of entry, the role of the industry of security within the reconfiguration of the human being boundaries and possibilities of freedom, the ethical dimension, the relations with the “neighbours” and the “others” and the issues of colonialism, imperialism or tutorship...

Presidence: Gilles Favarel-Garrigues (CERI/Sciences Po, France)

Participants:

- Peter Burgess (PRIO, Norway), “Humanity and Inhumanity of Borders”
- Anastassia Tsoukala (Université Paris-Sud 11, France), “On the Vanishing Subjects of Human Rights”
- Nils Zurawski (Universität Hamburg, Germany), “Identity and Identification. On Humans, Biometrics and the Dynamics of Technology”
- Pierre-Antoine Chardel (ETOS, Institut Télécom, France), “Ethical Perspectives on Mobility and Identity at the Age of Suspicion”
- Emilio Mordini (The Centre for Science, Society and Citizenship, Italy) “About Limes and Borders: Biometrics as a Symbolic Apparatus”
LUNCH: 12:30-2:00 pm

SECOND SESSION: 2:00-6:00 pm

“The Boundaries of Rights and Privacy?”

The discourse of human rights and the legal practices of European and American Courts concerning who is accepted and who is denied entry, and under what reasons, the case of Roma, data protection and the challenge of an international legal regime accepted as such beyond the EU.

Presidence: Sergio Carrera (CEPS, Belgium)

Participants:

- Mark B. Salter (University of Ottawa, Canada), “Canada and the Roma”
- Elspeth Guild (University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands), “Who Regulates Identity in the EU?”
- Judit Toth (Minority Research Institute Budapest, Hungary), “How Roma Are Protected by Law in Europe?”
- Charles Raab (University of Edinburgh, UK), “The Boundaries of Privacy Protection”
- Mervyn Frost (King’s College, UK), “Boundary Problems as Ethical Problems”

The workshop will take place on October 29th, at CERI/Sciences Po, 56 rue Jacob, 75006, Paris, France

Open to the public - Free of charge on a first come, first served basis – Working language: English

Registration on line: http://www.sciences-po.fr/evenements/

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