



German-Israeli Tech-Policy Dialog

Rethinking Privacy and Mass Surveillance in the Information Age

Online Experts' Workshop
25-26 November

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Dear Sir or Madam,

The collection and exploitation of personal data by a wide array of actors has become common practice and a self-evident part of life. The Covid-19 pandemic and global deployment of geo-tracking surveillance technologies as part of governments' attempts to curb the spread of the virus has placed the spotlight on the linkage between surveillance technologies and civil liberties, providing a unique and timely opportunity to take stock and evaluate the implications of mainstreaming dual-use surveillance tech for open societies and democratic values.

Against this backdrop, the Heinrich Böll Foundation and the Israel Public Policy Institute (IPPI) would like to cordially invite you to an online experts' workshop under the title: "Rethinking Mass Surveillance and Privacy in the Information Age". The event, which will take place on November 25-26, will bring together experts from Germany and Israel to explore, discuss and critically assess the employment of data collection and mass surveillance technologies via the prism of the Covid-19 crisis.



The experts' workshop will mark the kick-off event of a new program organized by the Heinrich Böll Foundation and the Israel Public Policy Institute (IPPI), the "German-Israeli Tech Policy Dialog". By facilitating a collaborative space for researchers and practitioners from politics, academia, tech and civil society, the program sets out to cultivate a community of committed professionals from both countries to deliberate the impact and governance of emerging technologies and to generate new actionable insights in support of democratic values.

Preliminary Program

*All times noted in the agenda refer to Central European Time (GMT+2)



Day One • 25 November 2020

Kick off Event: German-Israeli Tech Policy Dialog Program

15:00 Opening Remarks

Dr. Ellen Ueberschär
Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

15:15 Keynote & Discussion

New Technologies and Challenges to Democratic Values and Democratic Governance

- Prof. Jeanette Hofmann
Weizenbaum Institut, Berlin
- Moderation: Adi Cohen
Israel Public Policy Institute (IPPI)

Format: Keynote followed by a moderated Q&A discussion with the participants

16:15 Break

16:30 Paper Presentations

Public Discourse on Surveillance and the Right to Privacy in Israel and Germany

- Rena Tangens
Data protection activist and founder of the German Big Brother Award
- Dr. Dalit Ken-Dror Feldman
Haifa University and Information Lab at the Open University
- Moderation: Giorgio Franceschini
Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

Format: Presentations followed by a moderated discussion with the participants

17:00 Open Discussion

17:30 End of Day 1



Day Two • 26 November 2020

Experts' Workshop on Privacy and Mass Surveillance

15:00 Video Segments

Global Perspectives on the Use of Surveillance Tech in Times of Crisis

15:15 Panel Discussion

German and Israeli Experiences with Contact Tracing Technologies During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Ann Cathrin Riedel
LOAD Association for Liberal Digital Policy, Berlin
- Dr. Eran Toch
Tel Aviv University and "Privacy Israel"
- Moderation: Polina Garaev
Israel Public Policy Institute (IPPI)

Format: Presentations followed by a moderated Q&A discussion with the participants

16:15 Break

16:30 Paper Presentations & Comments by Experts

Mass Surveillance in Germany and Israel and Recent Developments in Democratic Oversight

- Amir Cahane
Federmann Cyber Security Research Center, Hebrew University
- Dr. Thorsten Wetzling
Stiftung Neue Verantwortung, Berlin
- Moderation: Oz Aruch
Heinrich Böll Foundation, Tel Aviv

Format: Presentations followed by mirroring commentaries and open discussion

17:30 Concluding Remarks

17:45 End of Day 2