

sensing technologies

Imaginarities, Futurities, Practices of Control & Care

In a datafied society, living with and through big data technologies raises many issues: How are bodies and biographies (not) being taken into account in the process of standardization, and what space is left for 'failing' bodies and lives unfolding 'otherwise'? How do individuals, institutions, and societies navigate sense-making amidst often conflicting forms of knowledge? What can practices of implementation, circumvention, and adaptation of diverse technologies tell us about the ways in which people and societies craft their futures?

Scholars studying the role of sensors, Big Data, and AI technologies in the fields of health, policing, and ecology will gather in Bern, Switzerland, to discuss these questions and the broader implications of datafication, in a dynamic, collaborative environment. The Big Data Lives Symposium proposes to engage with technologically mediated practices of control and care, the imaginaries present in sociotechnical assemblages, and to explore how futures are being imagined, and imagined otherwise, in relation to data-driven practices that are already, continuously shaping our lives and the worlds we inhabit.

Public Keynote, Thursday, October 19

Hauptgebäude, Hochschulstrasse 4, 3012 Bern, Room 115

Panels on Friday and Saturday, October 20-21

Haus der Universität Bern, Schösslistrasse 5, 3008 Bern

To participate in the panels, please register under <https://bigdatalives.ch/#registration> or send an e-mail to lucien.schoenenberg@unibe.ch

THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2023

18:15-19:45

The Everyday Life of AI Failures: Conflicts, Experiences and the Future Imaginaries

Public Keynote Lecture

Veronica Barassi (University of St. Gallen (HSG))

FRIDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2023

09:30

Coffee; Official Welcome and Opening Remarks

Michaela Schäuble (Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern)

10:00 – 12:00

Sensing Insecurities in Urban Policing

Daniel Marciniak (School of Criminology, Sociology and Policing, University of Hull)

Florent Castagnino (Department of Social Sciences, IMT Atlantique Nantes)

Lucien Schönenberg (Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern)

12.00-13.30

Lunch Break

13.30-15.30

Feeling Good? Caring for Everyday Relations with Algorithms

Minna Ruckenstein (Centre for Consumer Society Research, University of Helsinki)

Jeanette Pols (Department of Anthropology; Department of Ethics, Law &

Humanities of the Amsterdam Medical Center, University of Amsterdam)

Sophie Wagner (Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern)

15.30-16.00

Coffee Break

16.00-17.00

Joint discussion

SATURDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2023

09:15

Coffee

9:30-11:30

Ecologies of Control and Care

Zsuzsanna Ihar, (Dept. of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge)

Carolina Domínguez-Guzmán (Department of Anthropology, University of Amsterdam)

Darcy Alexandra (Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern)

11:30-12:00

Conclusion

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