

Call for Papers

Revisiting the Surveillance Camera Revolution

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Video surveillance (VS), or Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), cameras and systems, are a defining feature of modern society. Their ubiquitous presence in a variety of public and private settings is now unsurprising and generally accepted in many countries. For many reasons their introduction is revolutionary, not just because of the speed of their diffusion, but also because their rapid introduction has taken place alongside concerns about citizen-state relations, the impact of mass surveillance on the behaviour of the surveyed (and the surveyor), the nature of privacy and the perceived threat to civil liberties. Despite these concerns, and others which relate to the efficacy and financial implications of mass visual surveillance, VS/CCTV cameras and systems retain a degree of popularity amongst politicians, practitioners and the general public.

Today the presence of VS/CCTV cameras and systems in many countries is taken for granted and their existence no longer feels 'revolutionary' – they are just a normal part of everyday life. However, many of the concerns raised at the start of the revolution remain unanswered and are as pertinent today as they were in the 1990's. For this reason this Special Issue of the journal *Information Polity* would like to 'revisit' the '*surveillance camera revolution*' and review what is currently known about the implications of using such systems so widely in society. With this in mind the Guest Editors seek the submission of journal articles, case studies and reviews from a range of perspectives on VS/CCTV. The Special Issue places particular emphasis on studies of VS/CCTV in different national, institutional, cultural and linguistic contexts – as they relate to the provision of VS/CCTV in public sector and democratic contexts. In this respect, the Special Issue seeks to explore the extent to which VS/CCTV diffusion differs in different countries. Theoretically informed contributions from different academic disciplines are encouraged, as are comparative studies and contributions from practitioners. By revisiting the surveillance camera revolution the Guest Editors hope to develop a contemporary understanding of the normality of video surveillance in modern society.

In particular, the Special Issue seeks contributions that explore, in different public policy, public service, democratic and national settings:

- the policy processes surrounding the ongoing provision of VS/CCTV,
- the institutional arrangements in which the provision of VS/CCTV is embedded,
- the governance and regulation of VS/CCTV,

- the financial processes underpinning the provision of VS/CCTV,
- the (perceived and real) impacts and implications of VS/CCTV,
- the challenges and resistance to VS/CCTV provision,
- the perceptions and experiences of the surveyed and the surveyors,
- technological developments and the integration and computerisation of VS/CCTV,
- the convergence of VS/CCTV with other surveillance technologies,
- evaluations of the effectiveness of VS/CCTV,
- the historical development and geographical spread and diffusion of cameras and systems,
- the emergence of best practice concerning the installation and operation of systems,
- the political economy and commercialisation of VS/CCTV,
- the linkage between the media portrayal and use of VS/CCTV images and the ongoing provision of VS/CCTV,
- the importance of symbolism and discourse,
- policy and technological transfer between countries and service areas,
- the role of VS/CCTV in community safety, deterring anti-social behaviour, general policing and the criminal justice system,
- the role of CCTV in crime control, intelligence gathering and terrorism,
- the significance of data handling protocols for the integrity of VS/CCTV footage, and
- the development of training and managerial processes for those operating in and responsible for VS/CCTV systems.

Contributions

We would like to invite the submission of the following types of contribution:

Full academic articles, of up to 7,000 words, exploring a theoretical perspective on CCTV or presenting new empirical data.

Short case studies, of up to 4,000 words, presenting a unique VS/CCTV related case study. This could be a country specific study, an evaluation of a specific scheme or a detailed description of a VS/CCTV application or context. The case studies may be more descriptive than the full articles but should be fully referenced.

Short reviews, of up to 2,000 words, of a recent VS/CCTV related publication. This could be a book, an official policy document or report, or a piece of legislation.

Deadlines

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Instructions for Authors

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