

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### **SURVEILLANCE, ENCRYPTION AND PRIVACY**

Special issue of “Mediatization Studies”

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For a special issue of the peer-reviewed and open-access journal “Mediatization Studies”, we invite proposals referring to “**Surveillance, encryption and privacy in the digital age**”. The focus is on submissions considering the inter-connected issues of surveillance, encryption, privacy, data protection as well as digital technology design, definition, development and regulation. Papers by young researchers, that is, post doctoral and doctoral researchers, from Europe, are very welcome.

The special issue is linked to a workshop with politicians and NGO representatives from Poland and Germany that engage in issues related to surveillance, privacy and encryption. Interested authors of accepted abstracts, especially young researchers, will be invited to participate in a two-day session to present and discuss their work. The workshop will take place in March 2018 in Lublin (Poland). Following the workshop, full papers will be submitted and peer-revised.

### THEME

This call for papers invites contributions by researchers interested in surveillance, encryption, and privacy considering political implications of media and media infrastructures. Facing an increasingly complex set of phenomena summing up to mediatization of all spheres of people’s lives, sometimes dubbed “deep mediatization”, we acknowledge the growing role of digital technology in how we participate in social collectivities, cultures, or politics nowadays. As digital technology provides us with tools and increasingly with spaces for everyday action, it has become political in every respect. This is why we attach great importance to how technology is designed, discursively defined, produced, and, not least, regulated. Being faced with raising concerns on how people’s private data is aggregated, stored, exchanged, and used for political, economic, and academic purposes, we want to pay closer attention to the political implications of digital technology.

We are interested in submissions covering these issues, including topics like:

- Information access and control in digital infrastructures: concepts, debates, and agents (state, market, societal) involved
- Practical aspects (policies, practices, regulations) of surveillance, encryption and privacy
- State and market policies/regulations of surveillance
- Technology-related concepts of surveillance, privacy and encryption
- Tactical responses to surveillance in the fields of technology design and usage
- Political aspects of designing data protection technologies: the fields of technology design, policy (regulations), media practices and technological solutions

- Discursive position of surveillance nowadays and (counter-)discourses of digital privacy and data protection
- Particular, Polish, German, or Polish-German comparative perspectives on surveillance, encryption and privacy.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Peer-review follows a two-step procedure. In a first step, we accept extended abstract submissions until January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Submissions should include:

- 1) extended abstract of the paper with a clear outline of its argument, not exceeding 1.000 words (except literature)
- 2) author's current affiliation, academic position (PhD student, post-doc, or other)
- 3) address and contact information.

Please send your extended abstract to [jakub.nowak@poczta.umcs.lublin.pl](mailto:jakub.nowak@poczta.umcs.lublin.pl).

In a second step, we will invite selected authors to submit full papers until April 15, 2018. Submissions must consider the following guidelines:

<http://journals.umcs.pl/ms/about/submissions#onlineSubmissions>

Accepted papers will be published in 2018 in the open-access, peer-reviewed "Mediatization Studies" journal (ISSN: 2451-1188), published by the Faculty of Political Science of Marie Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin. It covers theoretical ideas and research results on various aspects of mediatization. See: <http://journals.umcs.pl/ms>. There will be no publication fee.

Authors of selected abstracts, especially young researchers, are invited to participate in a workshop on surveillance, encryption, and privacy issues that will take place in Lublin in March 2018. Beyond networking and exchange with politicians and NGO members, the meeting in Lublin will be a forum of a peer-feedback during which all paper-proposals can be discussed before authors submit final versions of their work. Submitting a paper without attending the workshop is possible. Participation in the workshop does not necessarily imply publication in the special issue.

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## TIME-LINE

Abstract submissions: January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Notification of abstract acceptance: January 31<sup>st</sup> 2018

Workshop in Lublin (paper presentation and discussion): March 1-2<sup>nd</sup> 2018

Submission of full papers: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Notifications of full paper acceptance: August 2018.