



ESRC Research ‘Seminar series on genetics, technology, security and justice. Crossing, contesting and comparing boundaries’

Fri, 24 March 2017, 12:00 – 17:30, Northumbria University, Great Hall, Sutherland Building, College Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8ST, UK

ERSC seminar 5: Securitization and forensic genetics

The fifth event in the ESRC seminar series will focus on forensic genetics and related technologies in the context of securitization and surveillance. The seminar will expand the perspective on forensic genetics by focusing attention on pro-active/pre-emptive security measures, exploring how practices and institutions may differ between investigative and surveillance uses of forensic genetics technologies.

This seminar is part of a series of six interdisciplinary seminars (2015-2017), which critically examine contributions of forensic genetics to the production of security and justice in the UK and other contemporary societies. The series is influenced by the commitment of the ‘Europe 2020 Strategy’ to protect the security of social infrastructures and the safety and freedom of its citizens.

The series of meetings engages with the relevant biosocial research at the intersections of genetics, technology, security and justice. It brings together academic researchers, policy makers and practitioners from policing organisations, commercial forensic service providers, public sector organisations and civil society groups, in the UK and abroad. We discuss new research avenues towards informing UK policy and practice on the uses of genetic information to address the societal challenges of justice and security.

For presentations and discussion outcomes from previous seminars please see the webpages for each seminar at: www.northumbria.ac.uk/forensicgenetics

Bursaries for Early Career Researchers are available and will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis. The bursary can cover reasonable travel costs and accommodation for up to £250. Bursary holders will be asked to write a brief thematic summary of the seminar discussions for the seminar series website. Please contact matthias.wienroth@kcl.ac.uk for further information.

Programme

12:00 – 13:00 *Buffet Lunch*

13:00 – 13:15 Welcome

13:15 – 14:45 Session I

Chair: Ernesto Schwartz-Marin

1. Paul Wiles: *Current developments and challenges in the UK biometrics legal landscape*
2. Peter Burgess: *Forensic Security: Science and Uncertainty*
3. Veronika Lipphardt: *Adapting the law to the technology? Germany's current debate on DNA phenotyping*

14:45 – 15:15 *Refreshments*

15:15 – 16:15 Session II

Chair: Robin Williams

1. Estela Schindel: *Biometrics, citizenship and border control. Knitting together a body and a name*
2. Arely Cruz-Santiago: *Forensic genetics, citizenship and insecurity in Mexico*

16:15 – 17:15 Plenum discussion: Opportunities, gaps and themes for research & policy work

Chair: Jackie Leach Scully

17:15 – 17:30 Close