**Call for Papers**

**Prevention between Security and Social Politics – Spaces of Contestation**

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Prevention attempts to change the future through interventions in the present. Accordingly, prevention is often performative, intrusive and surveillant – measuring the present for signs of nascent irruptions. Our workshop explores the development of different configurations of prevention across history.

As it developed alongside liberal systems of governance, prevention featured in both the epidemiological and criminological fields. Prevention was once the most powerful organizing principle in social security design, affecting the development of sewer systems, vaccinations, and social work. Prevention in this regard, has a particularly tricky relationship to space, and of mixing up the internal and the external. During the era in which hygiene was predominant, the idea of vaccination was found repellent, because it inserted what was considered to be harmful and dirty into the body. Nowadays, prevention is again re-located from the outside to the inside, through resilience training in order to create populations that have resilient psyche’s to withstand the conflicts to come. Again new spaces for intervention are created through prevention practices.

However, those practices are contested by the actors involved. The social and security sectors struggle for the sovereignty of meaning. The social sector’s idea of prevention is bound up with care, rehabilitation and the individual, while the security sector is concerned with crime, punishment and the nation. In some instances the social sector is forcefully integrated into the security sector, while in other instances the social sector sees itself in need of caring for vulnerable individuals and protecting them from the more repressive measures that state security can take. But using ontologies of resilience, the two sectors steadily merge around the biopolitical visualization of race, political attitudes and exclusion as thresholds for risk.

This workshop welcomes contributions which address – but are not limited to - the following questions:

* How has prevention changed, over time?
* What are the futures of prevention?
* What do non-liberal histories of prevention look like?
* How have medical ontologies and risk technologies influenced security practices?
* How have criminological and security models of prevention cross-pollinated?
* How do race and migration figure in visualizations of risk?
* In what way are precarity and austerity portrayed or/and silenced through visualizations/governance of risk?
* How are resilience clusters and counter-terrorism formations implemented within the public sector, and to what effect?
* Does a ‘boomerang effect’ characterize the domestication and adaptation of security practices from the colonial periphery?
* How have changing regimes of prevention reconceptualised the body and the subject?