CALL FOR PAPERS

The European Union: a Cybersecurity Actor? (Trans)national agencies, discourses and practices

22nd – 23rd January 2015
University of Manchester, School of Social Sciences – Politics

A two-day workshop on European Cybersecurity, sponsored by the French Ministry of Defence Strategic Research Institute (IRSEM) and the Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (MJMCE). The workshop is open to PhD students and early career researchers.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Abstract deadline: 1st November 2014
- Acceptance notification: 20th November 2014
- Final Paper deadline: 10th January 2015
- Workshop: 22nd - 23rd January 2015

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Since its first use in the 1990s by computer scientists, "cyber security" has transcended its mere technical conception of computer security to become the expression of a worst-case scenario with devastating societal effects. On the one hand, the events of 9/11 and the US immediate adoption of the Patriot Act spurred the attention given to computers, information technology, security and digital infrastructure protection. On the other hand, and more recently, the massive waves of cyber-attacks that paralysed the Estonian state in 2007, along with the now famous Stuxnet targeting Iranian nuclear facilities in 2010, have triggered the implementation of fully-fledge cyber-security schemes at the national and transnational levels. The question of cyber security is thus no more solely examined through law-enforcement lenses; it has entered and significantly reshaped the political, doctrinal and strategic debates. The fact that Chatham House devoted a significant section of its 2010 edition of *Military Balance* to cyber warfare bears proof of this. Whether obsessive or real,

cyber threats have achieved an indisputable salience in post 9/11 security thinking and,as such, cannot be ignored.

To what extend has the European Union become a cyber-security actor? The question deserves to be asked when considering the EU's recent publication of its own cyber-security strategy in 2013 and its exponential role in harmonising that of Member States. Mitigating cyber-criminal risks, developing cybernetic crises scenarios, and redefining the nexus between data protection and digital rights, one can thus see that the European Union is at the forefront of some of the most important debates on cyber-security and its future paths.

We thus welcome papers on the following indicative list. Other ideas or suggestions on the workshop themes would be welcomed:

- **European Law and the Test of Cyberspace** (production, actors, logics and stakes of EU and member-states' legislations on cyber surveillance and public liberties/ critical infrastructure protection and cyberterrorism / electronic trade and cryptography / corporate competition and industrial espionage / cybercrime and responsibility)

- **The EU (Trans)national Approaches to Cybersecurity** (production, actors, logics and stakes of EU and member-states' competing cyber strategies / cyber-agencies / practices and tensions between national, regional and local approaches to cybersecurity / EU-US and EU-NATO relationships)

- **The EU (Trans)national Markets of Cybersecurity and Surveillance** (production, actors, logics and stakes of EU and member-states' cybersecurity and surveillance technology industries)

Please send abstract of up to 300 words to Florent Lieto (florent.lieto@manchester.ac.uk) by the 1st of November 2014. Notification of acceptance will be sent out by the 20th of November. Accepted abstracts will be posted on the website https://Mappingsecurity.net

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Arrangements for publication of accepted and presented papers will be discuss in due time.

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We look forward to seeing you in Manchester