



*Report and Financial Statements  
For the year ended 30 April 2019*

*Charity Number 1117449  
Company Number 5794137*

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The Directors present their report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2019.

***Reference and administrative information***

Charity Name: Surveillance Studies Network

Charity Registration Number: 1117449

Company Registration Number: 5794137

Registered Office: 99 Western Road, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1RS

***Board of Directors***

Professor Peter Fussey; (resigned 27 January 2019)

Professor Torin Monahan; (appointed June 2015)

Dr Emmeline Taylor; (appointed May 2017)

Professor Dean Wilson; Treasurer (appointed January 2011) Director (appointed January 2012)

Dr Rosamunde Van Brakel (appointed 27 January 2019)

Dr Nilz Zurawski; (appointed January 2012)

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***Solicitors***

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***Accountants***

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT 2018-19

### Structure, Governance and Management

#### **Governing document**

The Surveillance Studies Network (hereafter SSN) is a Charitable Company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2006, and registered as a charity on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2007. SSN was established under a Memorandum of Association containing the objects and powers of the Charitable Company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the Charitable Company being dissolved, Members would be required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

#### **Recruitment and Appointment of the Board of Directors**

SSN Directors are also Charity Trustees for the purposes of charity law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Board of Directors are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting for a further three years. No director may serve more than six consecutive years on the board.

SSN's principle objective is to provide public education and information on current developments in surveillance practice through its free to access online journal, *Surveillance & Society*. Surveillance Studies Network was founded to form a legally independent home for the journal, and so the first Board of Directors were the journal's co-founding editors. Each Director is required to be an appointed academic whose main research interest is an aspect of surveillance societies, as evidenced through their scholarly publications and practice. Six elected Directors were in post during the reporting period: Dr Nils Zurawski, Professor Torin Monahan, Professor Dean Wilson, Dr Emmeline Taylor, Dr Rosamunde Van Brakel and Professor Pete Fussey (resigned January 2019).

#### **Director induction and training**

Every Director is familiar with the practical work of Surveillance Studies Network. Since its registration as a Charitable Company, each director has been diligent in familiarising themselves with the responsibilities associated with director/trustee role, as outlined by the Charity Commission, and in the Nolan Principles. Impending changes in the composition of SSN directorship led to the organisation of induction and refresher training for all Directors which was delivered during June 2015. This training covered aspects of legal and financial matters, charity governance and core Director roles and responsibilities.

#### **Risk Management**

As part of the registration process the Directors considered the major risks to which the Charitable Company was exposed, which primarily concerned the viability of running Surveillance Studies Network as a going concern. The main risk in this respect concerns competition. As it is the first formal academic organization in this field of study (surveillance studies) it does not have any direct competitors. As a trans-disciplinary sub-discipline of sociology, geography, criminology, law, organization theory, political science, art, literature, film studies and international studies (among others), it is not envisaged that we are in competition for membership with larger academic associations (such as the *British Sociological Association*, or the *American Society of Criminology*, for example). Campaigning organizations such as Privacy International or the Electronic Privacy Information Centre (EPIC) are not our direct competitors as their core activities concern activism rather than education.

Future financial stability remains a point of concern. At present the principal forms of income are the ongoing grant from the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council for the journal, licensing, member subscriptions and, most significantly, registrations for the biennial SSN conference and licensing.

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Becoming a Charitable Company is itself a risk management strategy for the journal and its editors in two significant ways. First, it affords the journal independent legal status which protects it from being sold to publishing houses, thereby ensuring that it remains free to access for the general public. Second, it protects the editors from personal legal liability in the event of any dispute surrounding the content of the journal.

### Organisational Structure

The organisational structure of Surveillance Studies Network is derived from the following:

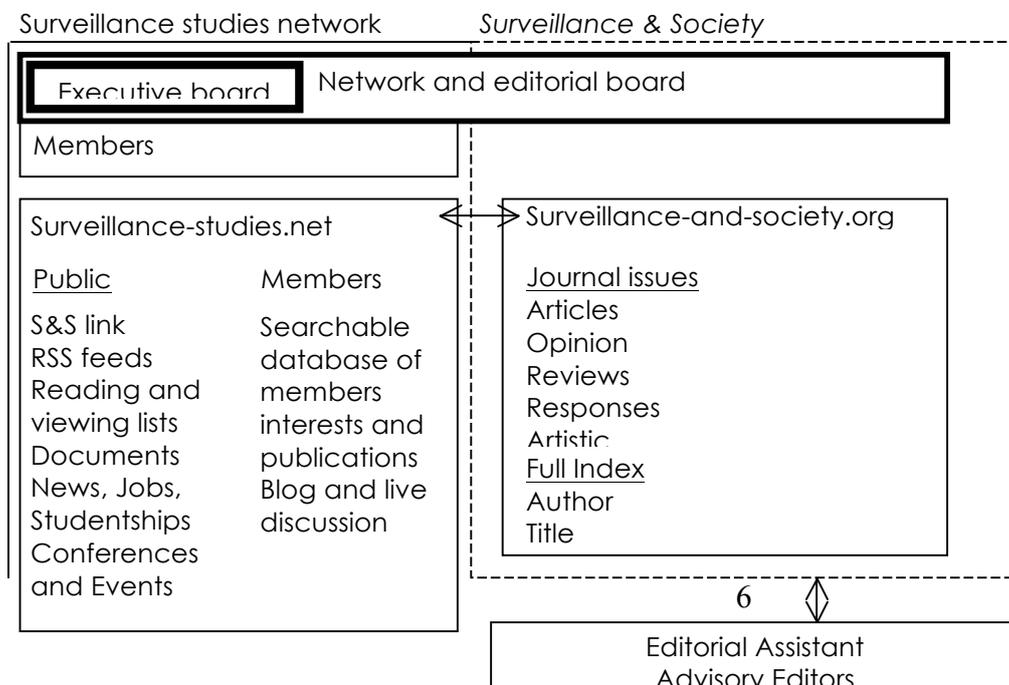
- It has two classes of member: ordinary members and executive members
- It has two broad streams of activity: administration of the Charitable Company and production of its journal

Executive Members comprise the Directors and the Members of the Network and Editorial Board. Executive Members have various responsibilities regarding the management of the Charitable Company’s activities and are entitled to vote at Annual General Meetings. Ordinary members pay a biennial subscription and as part of their membership are entitled to:

- The opportunity to stand for election to the Board of Surveillance Studies Network and *Surveillance & Society*
- Discounts on all SSN-sponsored conferences and events
- Approval and sponsorship of their research bids and events about surveillance
- Access to a member's area on the website, containing network and knowledge building opportunities
- Member discount with Routledge Publishing House
- Optional entry onto a list of media experts

The Executive Board, which is constituted by its five Directors that includes a Director-Treasurer. These individuals collectively deal with overall matters of governance and policy relating to the Charitable Company and govern the Charitable Company.

The day-to-day running of the journal is completed by the Network and Editorial Board, where the Directors and other Executive Members work together on journal production. The relationship between the two boards is shown in the diagram below. The diagram also shows the content of our two websites – one relating to the Charitable Company (surveillance-studies.net) and one containing our journal (surveillance-and-society.org) – and how they inter-relate.



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*Figure 1: Governance structure of Surveillance Studies Network, incorporating our two websites Surveillance-Studies.net and Surveillance-and-Society.org*

During 2018-2019 there were some changes to the Network and Editorial Board.

Rosamunde van Brakel was elected as a new SSN Director, Kathleen Kuehn and Greg Wise were elected as new Associate Editors, Susan Cahill was elected as the Arts Editor, Bryce Newell was elected as the Dialogue Editor, Phil Boyle was elected as Book Review Editor, Julia Chan was elected to oversee SSN's mentorship program. Additionally, Joshua Reeves was re-elected as an Associate Editor, with his new term beginning on 1 January 2020. These appointments are made for an initial period of three years.

There were also a number of members whose terms expired and were not renewed: Rachel Dubrofsky, Jason Pridmore, William G. Staples, Kevin Walby, and Jennifer Whitson.

At present the Network and Editorial Board currently has a total of 15 members.

Additionally, during the reporting period, two new Associate Member Representatives—Ani E. Egwuchukwu and Pinelopi Troullinou—were added to manage our blog, *\_blink*, and our social media sites. These appointments are made for a period of two years.

The editorial board aims to represent as many areas of the world—and cut across as many disciplines and areas of expertise relevant to surveillance studies—as possible. Disciplines currently represented are: Sociology; Human Geography; Criminology; Urban Studies; Law; Science and Technology Studies; Organization Studies; Political Science; Media and Communication Studies; Cultural Studies; Gender Studies. The geographic regions represented are: USA, Canada, UK, Belgium, Germany, and New Zealand.

We have decided to appoint only to specific jobs from now on, meaning that we will no longer have 'at large' / 'without portfolio' editors. board members, but individual roles are still emerging. General responsibilities for board members are:

- All editors are responsible for identifying potential guest editors and reviewers, suggesting journal content which is representative of their geographical area or region, attendance at and contribution to decisions and discussion items at board meetings, and suggesting fund raising ideas.
- The Editor in Chief (Production) oversees the actual publishing of issues of the journal;
- The Editor in Chief (Finance) is responsible for finance and administration;

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- Associate Editors are responsible for seeing through the refereeing of individual articles;
- Guest editors are responsible for themed issues, with the support of the Editor in Chief (Production) or another named editor;
- Book Review Editors are responsible for contacting publishers, obtaining books for review and overseeing the review process;
- The Arts Editor is responsible for arts-related material;
- The Dialogue Editor is responsible for all other non-peer reviewer material (debates, interviews, special sections etc.) – the position is currently still vacant;
- Members' Editors: elected by the members of the Surveillance Studies Network, these tend to be early career scholars who are involved in managing our blog, *\_blink*, or our social media sites.

There are also awards committees which are composed on an annual basis, as well as the Biennial Conference Organising Committee. All prizes now have set criteria developed to enable the committee to make transparent and consistent judgements across all of the categories.

At present, the only selection criteria for NEB membership are that the Editorial Board Member has a record of scholarly research and publication in surveillance studies and has strong collegial values. Everyone's contributions to the organization are on a purely voluntary basis. The network and editorial board is supported by a managing editor, whose time is currently being paid for by an eJournal grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Funds from this grant are also being used to pay for professional copyediting services for articles published in the journal. The Editor-in-Chief (Production) manages this staff.

The advisory editors referred to in figure one are external advisors who are not part of the governance structure of the organization, but who are sufficiently experienced in order to advise the journal on technical, academic and disciplinary matters as and when they arise.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The objects for which the Charitable Company is established are to advance education for the public benefit by promoting the study of surveillance as a facet of contemporary social and technological change, and the study of its consequences for individuals, groups, organizations, nations and regions. Pursuant to this overall objective we also:

- Support and promote the free exchange of academic information about surveillance across academic disciplines and cultures;
- Promote learning and the sharing of knowledge about surveillance between scholars, students, organisations and the public world-wide;
- Own and publish the journal '*Surveillance & Society*' and other online resources devoted to the publication of communications which advance knowledge concerning the study of *Surveillance & Society*.

The Trustees (Torin Monahan, Emmeline Taylor, Dean Jonathon Wilson, Nilz Zurawski and Rosamunde Van Brakel) have given due consideration to Charity Commission published guidance on the operation of the public benefit requirement and are satisfied that the charity meets these requirements.

The main objectives for the year 2018 – 2019 concerned maintenance of the Surveillance Studies Network in accordance with its charitable objectives above, which primarily involved:

- Ensuring continuation of funding by planning, running and hosting our biennial conference;
- Continued development of SSN communications;
- Continuing to publish *Surveillance & Society*; and,
- Awards and Prizes for both established authors and junior scholars.

## Achievements and Performance

In this section we report against each objective set for this year which we regard as pursuant to our overall charitable objectives.

### ***Ensuring continuation of funding by running our biennial conference***

The Surveillance Studies Network/*Surveillance & Society* biennial conference is the main way to raise funds for two reasons. The first is that it enables members to join the organization, and the second is that a portion of the profits generated by the conference are donated to the organization. During the reporting period Surveillance Studies Network directors and members engaged in two main activities aimed at ensuring the continued success of this event.

In his capacity as Treasurer, Dean Jonathon Wilson worked to ensure conference revenues were collected and transferred into Surveillance Studies Network accounts. Revenues from the Aarhus Conference appear in the SSN accounts for 2018-19 detailed in this report.

A tendering process was initiated to select the host of the 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Surveillance and Society Conference, to be held during 2020. This was accompanied by a clarified selection process that included: the constitution of a selection panel, advance definition of selection criteria, review of applications and a run-off between the two proposals deemed received. Applications were received from the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), Madrid, Spain and Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands. The 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Surveillance and Society Conference, themed “Lines of Sight: Surveillance 20/20” will take place in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, June 8-10, 2020. The Conference Organising Committee was comprised of Rosamunde Van Brakel (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) (Chair), Daniel Trottier (Erasmus University), Jason Pridmore (Erasmus University), Tessa Oomen (Erasmus University), Alana Saulnier (Lakehead University), Egwuchukwu Ani (Renaissance University) Dean Wilson (University of Sussex) Emmeline Taylor (City, University of London), Alana Saulnier (University of Illinois at Chicago), David Murakami Wood (Queen’s University)

### ***Communication activities***

The website is the main vehicle through which we promote our activities and events, and is being developed on an ongoing basis to serve as a networking hub and resource base for our members. The website [www.surveillance-studies.net](http://www.surveillance-studies.net) is running well and is stable, and has been established as the charitable company’s digital presence. It is updated regularly and primarily features announcements regarding upcoming conferences, relevant employment opportunities and the activities of SSN. Sub-sections of the website are updated on a rolling basis – including a reading list, a film list, and other information relevant to these. The Twitter account, initiated by Rosamunde van Brakel and linked to the site (<http://twitter.com/SurvStudiesNet>), continues to be managed by Megan Wood and has over 1500 followers. There are ambitions to extend the communication of SSN in the future, particularly to our membership but also to the broader public. The website runs on the latest version of Wordpress. There are ongoing plans for improving the website’s functionalities, which are increasingly possible due to improvements in the Wordpress software, and technological developments more generally.

### ***Surveillance Studies Network Arts Fund***

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A new Surveillance Studies Network Arts Fund was approved at the AGM during 2016-17. This is intended to fulfil our charitable objectives by supporting a wider range of mediums to promote learning, intellectual engagement with, and the sharing of knowledge about surveillance. In this initial phase, the Surveillance Studies Network approved £1,000 per year for the Fund. It was decided to combine this to £2,000 every two years to coincide with the biennial conference and achieve a bigger sum enabling more ambitious works for the awarded artist.

The award for first prize is £250 and up to three honourable mentions will receive £100. Additionally, the winner and each honourable mention receive a fee waiver for conference registration (in 2020 at the forthcoming SSN Conference to be held 8-10 June 2020 at Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands). Funds permitting, winning artists will also receive an invitation to showcase their work, or a representation of it, in an onsite exhibition during SSN's 2020 conference.

### ***Continuing to publish Surveillance & Society***

Publication of the journal Surveillance and Society is the main way that we pursue our charitable objectives. We aim to publish approximately four issues per calendar year. This was the ninth full year of the journal's operation on the 'Open Journal System' (OJS), which is an open source platform specifically for the publication of online academic journals. The OJS enables the streamlining and automation of many aspects of journal production, thus saving time and effort in the publication of issues.

The journal continued to be supported by the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) following David Murakami Wood's successful bid to the 2014 Aid to Scholarly Journals competition, which resulted in a contribution of almost CAD\$30,000 per annum. This grant was due to finish in early 2018, but due to delays in SSHRC's consultation process for the next round of this competition, existing grants including our own were extended until early 2019. Murakami Wood was again successful in the follow-up bid, so funding from SSHRC has been ensured at the same level until 2022. This fund is primarily used to pay for the journal's Editorial Assistant, Elaine Schnabel, and Copy-editor, Margaret Sadler, in 2018-19, and also enable support for additional publicity work (and thus support the first objective outlined above).

### ***Refereeing Process***

Surveillance and Society accepts submissions in a number of formats:

- Full length peer reviewed article (4000-8000 words)
- Shorter peer-reviewed articles (2500-4000 words) for responsive issues only
- Opinion and Dialogue pieces/research notes (around 2500 words)
- Review article (around 2500 words)
- Book reviews (around 1200 words)
- Presentations
- Artistic submissions (images, videos, poetry, performance pieces etc)
- Interviews

Our peer review process is of the highest standard. For each issue of Surveillance and Society, either the editor in chief, one of the Associate Editors, or a set of guest editors are responsible for the review process. In the case of the latter, a member of the editorial board is usually on hand to answer any queries from the guest editors. The editorial assistant deals with administration of each issue and communication with the authors, editors and reviewers.

Upon receiving a submission, the assigned editor reads the submission to decide whether it is to be sent out for review. If not, the submission is rejected, if so, the submission is sent to a minimum of two referees, selected by the editor on the basis of their expertise in the subject matter of the submission. The identity of the author is not

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revealed to the referees, nor that of the referees to the author. Referees are encouraged not to accept the submission for review if they think they recognize the work.

Referees are provided with a set of detailed guidelines by which to write their reviews. They rate the submission, and then provide separate comments for the authors and the editor of the issue. In each case, the editor in chief or guest editor constructively summarizes the reviews for the authors, and prioritizes the most critical or important revisions.

### *Acceptance / Rejection rates*

Crude acceptance / rejection rate (from initial submission): 50% / 50%

Desk rejection rate: 36%

Acceptance / rejection rate of articles sent out for review: 75% / 25%

Articles accepted *without* revisions or resubmission required: 0%

What these figures mean:

Surveillance and Society operates a two-stage reviewing process. First editorial sorting takes place to remove any clearly unpublishable or inappropriate articles. Secondly, high quality double-blind peer reviewing occurs, which always results in suggested revisions or full resubmission. We almost never publish a piece as it is, or with only minor corrections. However, we also receive a relatively high quality of submissions in the first place.

## Metrics

### Indexing and Directories

*Surveillance & Society* is indexed by Clarivate (formerly Thomson Reuters) Core Collection (Emerging Sources), [Scopus](#), [Google Scholar](#), [EBCSO](#) SocINDEX™ (and Academic Search™), both [CSA Sociological Abstracts](#) and [CSA Worldwide Political Science Abstracts](#), the [International Bibliography of Social Sciences \(IBSS\)](#), and the [Directory of Open Access Journals \(DOAJ\)](#).

We are also listed by the [SocioSite](#), and [OJS journals](#).

## Citation Scores (to end 2019)

### Impact Factor (2019): 1.31

(2018: 1.16; 2017: 1.54; 2016: 2.22; 2014: 1.38; 2013: 1.1; 2012: 1.2; 2011: 1.33; 2010: 1.11, 2009: 1.1 and 2008: 0.75)

1.31 is quite high for interdisciplinary social science journals.

*What this means:*

This impact factor was calculated using the same method used by Clarivate, but based on Google Scholar figures: number of citations (in any peer-reviewed journal articles, in 2019: 107) of peer-reviewed articles published by *Surveillance & Society* in the two previous years, 2017 and 2018, divided by the total number of peer-reviewed articles published by *Surveillance & Society* in those two years (82).

NB: It is worth noting that the outlier 2016 figure was mainly due to the exceptional number of citations for one particular article from 2014, [Jose Van Dijk's piece on datafication](#). We generally sit between 1.1 and 1.5.

### h5-index: 20

We have a Google Scholar h5-index, which relates to the number of citations for articles published in the last 5 years, of 20, up from 15 in 2018, and an h5-median of 28. [See here](#).

### h5-index articles

José van Dijk tops Google Scholar's h5-index chart of the articles that garnered most citations for us in the last 5 years. [See more here](#).

### SCImago Journal Ranking (2018): 0.451

SCImago is based on data from Elsevier's Scopus.

We have a SCImago Journal Ranking (SJR) of 0.451 as of 2018 (last figures available) (down from 0.997 in 2017; 0.79 in 2016, and 0.54 in 2015).

However, they give us an H-index of 40, which is up from 35 in 2017.

We are ranked in two categories: 'Safety Research' and 'Urban Studies' (don't ask us how they decided this!).

In 'Safety Research' we are 28th by SJR, 9th by H-index, and 7th by pure citations per document (out of 89 journals).

In 'Urban Studies', we are 54th by SJR, 23rd by H-index and 6th by pure citations (out of 181 journals)

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Finally, compared to all Open Access journals in Social Sciences, we are ranked 108th by SJR, 38th by H-index and 34th by pure citations (out of 1064 journals).

### Issues and Articles published (April 2018 – March 2019)

We published four issues in the reporting period, however one of these was a double-issue, making a total of five:

- Volume 16, No. 2: Open Issue
- Volume 16, No. 3: Surveillance in Post-Communist Societies (guest eds: Ola Svenonius, Fredrika Björklund)
- Volume 16, No. 4: Surveillance and Religion (guest eds: Eric Stoddart, Susanne Wigorts Yngevesson)
- Volume 17, No 1 / 2: Platform Surveillance special responsive issue (eds: David Murakami Wood and Torin Monahan)

These issue contained a total of 75 published pieces, categorised as follows:

- 54 peer-reviewed articles
- 4 editorials or afterwords
- 2 debate or discussion pieces
- 13 book reviews
- 1 research note
- 1 interview

### Readership

The Platform Surveillance was the second of our special responsive issues (after the Surveillance and the Global Turn to Authoritarianism double-issue, Volume 15, Number 3 / 4). It is worth noting that in terms of readership, this double issue has been our most successful issue or recent years, with pageviews from publication at the end of March to the end of 2019, reaching 9000 (and this does not include those who accessed individual articles directly either on our site or on others); and eight pieces from the issue reached our Top 30 most read articles (updated to the end of 2019, see: <https://ojs.library.queensu.ca/index.php/surveillance-and-society/readership>).

However, our current most-read piece (and by some distance the most read piece published in this reporting period is Ivan Manokha's [Surveillance, Panopticism and Self-Discipline in the Digital Age](#) from Volume 16, No. 2 (2018), which has had 5129 pageviews per year (over 10,000 in total).

Many other pieces from this period are also being widely read, placed on university and college reading lists and cited in debates on policy, and each issue has had stand-outs, for example Ibrahim

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Bechrouri's 2018 piece, [The Informant, Islam, and Muslims in New York City](#) from Volume 16, No. 4 (Surveillance and Religion), which has had over a thousand pageviews per year.

We have had exceptionally good feedback from authors during this period, many of whom are delighted to have made the decision to publish with us, given the readership their pieces are getting. This in itself is strong justification for the truly open access model we have always operated.

### blink

blink is the blog of *Surveillance & Society*, started in November 2017. It is hosted on Medium, <https://medium.com/surveillance-and-society>. It aims to provide lay summaries of articles published in the journal and also to add context to some of the prize awards such as the Arts Prize. In the reporting period, blink published 16 pieces.

### Awards and Prizes

To further support the Surveillance Studies Network's charitable objectives the organisation funds a number of different activities. These include:

- Early Career Researcher Awards
- Small grants
- LAVITS conference grant
- SSN Surveillance Studies Book Prize
- Outstanding Scholar Award
- Surveillance Studies Network Arts Fund (see above)

### Early Career Researcher Awards

There were four Early Career Researcher Awards of £100.00 each awarded in the reporting period. The recipients of the awards were:

- Oduro-Marfo, Smith. 2018. [Eyes on You while Your Eyes Are on God: State Surveillance of Religion in Ghana under the Provisional National Defence Council Regime](#). *Surveillance & Society* 16(4): 399-409.
- Morris, James Harry. 2018. [Anti-Kirishitan Surveillance in Early Modern Japan](#). *Surveillance & Society* 16(4): 410-431.
- Volinz, Lior. 2018. [From Above and Below: Surveillance, Religion, and Claim-Making at Jerusalem's Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif](#). *Surveillance & Society* 16(4): 446-458.
- Bechrouri, Ibrahim. 2018. [The Informant, Islam, and Muslims in New York City](#). *Surveillance & Society* 16(4): 459-472. Volume 15

### **SSN Small Grants**

The 2019 Small Grants Committee (SGC) administered the call, evaluation, and money transfer of four Small Research Grants (£500 and a two-year SSN membership each) to support scholars working in economically under-resourced regions in the 2019-2020 academic year.

The SGC consisted of four members: Bryce Newell, Joshua Reeves, Alana Saulnier (Chair), and Dean Wilson.

The Committee received six applications, four of which were awarded funding:

- Egwuchukwu Ani (Renaissance University, Nigeria)
  - o Title: Surveillance and privacy in Africa: The case of Online intermediaries
- Allen Munoriyarwa (University of Johannesburg, South Africa)
  - o Title: State surveillance, spying and technologies in Zimbabwe
- Uchenna Jerome Orji (Research Associate, African Center for Cyber Law and Cybercrime Prevention, Uganda)
  - o Title: Balancing state digital surveillance powers and the right to privacy in Africa's information society
- Amira Paripurna and Masitoh Indriani (Universitas Airlangga, Indonesia)
  - o Public attitude and acceptance on surveillance and privacy: An initial study on community group of information (*Komunitas Informasi Masyarakat/KIM*) in Surabaya, Indonesia

All applicants were provided with a letter detailing the outcome (successful or unsuccessful) of their application on April 23, 2019.

All grant recipients have been advised that they are expected to provide a brief (one page) report outlining the progress of their research no later than April 01, 2020.

### **LAVITs Conference Grant**

To enhance the outreach of SSN beyond the Global North, SSN collaborated with the Latin American Network of Surveillance, Technology and Society Studies (LAVITs), providing £2500.00 support for their sixth International Symposium 'Assymetries and (In)Visibilities: Surveillance Gender and Race' held in Salvador, Brazil 26-28 June 2019. The event was a success with more than 500 registrations, and a mixing of academic sessions, artistic interventions, and hands-on workshops. There is an English version of the programme available at the following address [http://www.lavits.ihac.ufba.br/modulos/gerenciamentodeconteudo/docs/493\\_symposiumagenda.pdf](http://www.lavits.ihac.ufba.br/modulos/gerenciamentodeconteudo/docs/493_symposiumagenda.pdf)

The funds granted supported the participation of Latin American presenters. The selection process was done through an online application which prioritised socioeconomic backgrounds and, in line with the event's priorities, gender and race. 96 applications were received and 11 recipient-participants were subsequently selected for support. After wire transfer, the 2,500 GBP were converted in 11,913.14 BRL and was distributed to the 11 participants who received a total of 1,083.01 BRL each. This helped them pay for transportation and accommodation.

Professor Rodrigo Firmino, one of the symposium organizers, conveyed his thanks to SSN for the support, commenting that "I and all Lavits members are thankful for this first partnership with SSN and the support to this years' symposium. I hope we can extend this partnership in future events and/or actions"

### **SSN Surveillance Studies Book Prize**

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The SSN Surveillance Studies Book Prize of £200.00 is awarded to monographs brought to press during the proceeding year. The 2018 SSN Surveillance Book Prize was awarded to:

Josh Lauer (2017) *Creditworthy: A History of Consumer Surveillance and Financial Identity in America*, New York, NY: Columbia University Press.

### ***Outstanding Scholar Award***

The SSN Outstanding Scholar Award for 2018 was awarded to Professor David Lyon, Queens University, Canada. David accepted the award at the conference in Aarhus.

### **Financial Review**

The Surveillance Studies Network has successfully reached a modest though robust financial position over the course of the 2017/18 financial year. These resources are invaluable in facilitating SSN to pursue its charitable objectives.

### **Principal Funding Sources**

All of the work undertaken for the Charitable Company by the Directors and the Editorial Board of *Surveillance & Society* are on a voluntary basis. SSN has been very fortunate to secure, through the initiative of the Editor-In-Chief (Finance) of *Surveillance & Society*, David Murakami Wood, funding from the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council to support the journal including the employment of an editorial assistant. The biennial conference continues to produce a profit, and membership fees and conference surplus remain the principal sources of funding for the Network. While this funding has previously been used primarily to cover support costs, SSN is now generating sufficient surplus to enable it to expand its activities—be that in newly evolving activities or the augmentation of existing ones. The modest extra income derived from royalties and copyright has enabled SSN to offer prizes, awards and research pump-priming grants to members. The capacity to engage in such activities is now enhanced.

### **Investment Policy**

For the first time since the inception of SSN, the reserves are sufficient to consider the development of an investment policy, which would potentially secure a more robust financial platform for the company to pursue its charitable objectives. The company is legally permitted to pursue investments – provided they are consistent with its charitable objectives – while maintaining tax exempt status on any profit generated as a result.

### **Reserves Policy**

As the amount held by the Charitable Company in reserves has to date been small, the only policy currently is that they be held as a buffer in case of any unexpected start up and support costs. Given the growth of reserves, it may be advisable for the Board to consider the development of a clearer policy in relation to reserves.

### **Plans for future periods**

The Charitable Company plans to continue its activities outlined above in future years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. SSN continues to prioritise the production and dissemination of the journal as a key charitable objective. It is of fundamental importance that the journal remain free to access online and, as such, journal production remains core business for SSN and is likely to remain so in the forthcoming years. The current relative financial strength of SSN should also facilitate the further development of charitable objectives – including prizes, awards and public and membership communication and community building – in the upcoming period.

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**Report of the Trustees**  
**For the year ended 30 April 2019**

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charitable company for the year ended 30 April 2019. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

The objects for which the charity is established are the advancement of education for the public benefit by the promotion of the study of surveillance as a facet of contemporary social and technological change and its consequences for individuals, groups, organisations, nations and regions by;

1. Supporting and promoting the free exchange of academic information about surveillance across academic disciplines and cultures.
2. Promoting learning and the sharing of knowledge about surveillance between scholars, students, organisations and the public world wide.
3. Owning and publishing a journal known as Surveillance and Society and other online resources devoted to the publication of communications which advance knowledge concerning the study of surveillance and society.

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Reserves**

The trustees aim to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to cover the charity's liabilities and provide a reserve of £20,000

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and was incorporated on 25 April 2006 as amended by special resolution dated 19 September 2006.

Every member undertakes, if the Company is wound up or dissolved while he/she remains a member or within 12 months after ceasing to be a member, to contribute up to the sum of one pound (£1) towards the liabilities incurred by the Company while the contributor was a member and the costs of winding up or dissolution.

### **Recruitment and appointment of trustees**

The recruitment and appointment of trustees is laid out in full within our Articles of Association available at Companies House.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>Name of Charity</b>	Surveillance Studies Network
<b>Charity registration number</b>	1117449
<b>Company registration number</b>	05794137
<b>Principal address</b>	60 Leyspring Road London E11 3BX

### **Trustees**

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Dr Nils Zurawski  
Professor Dean Wilson  
Professor Pete Fussey  
(Resigned: 27 January 2019)  
Dr Torin Monahan  
Dr Emmeline Taylor  
Rosamunde Van Brakel  
(Appointed: 27 January 2019)

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Report of the Trustees Continued  
For the year ended 30 April 2019**

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by



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Professor Dean Wilson

06 January 2020

**Surveillance Studies Network**  
**Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure account)**  
**For the year ended 30 April 2019**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2018 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	571	662
Charitable activities	3	15,200	-
Investments	4	-	166
<b>Total</b>		<b>15,771</b>	<b>828</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	5/6	(6,568)	(3,317)
<b>Total</b>		<b>(6,568)</b>	<b>(3,317)</b>
<b>Net income/expenditure</b>		<b>9,203</b>	<b>(2,489)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		33,212	35,701
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>42,415</b>	<b>33,212</b>

**Surveillance Studies Network**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at 30 April 2019**

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		42,775	33,572
		<b>42,775</b>	<b>33,572</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(360)	(360)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>42,415</b>	<b>33,212</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>42,415</b>	<b>33,212</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>42,415</b>	<b>33,212</b>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted income funds	10	42,415	33,212
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>42,415</b>	<b>33,212</b>

For the year ended 30 April 2019 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statement were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



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 Professor Dean Wilson  
 Trustee

06 January 2020

**Surveillance Studies Network**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 30 April 2019**

**1. Accounting Policies**

**Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Surveillance Studies Network meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

**Going concern**

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

**Funds**

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

**2. Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
Subscriptions received	571	662
	<b>571</b>	<b>662</b>
	<b>571</b>	<b>662</b>

**3. Income from charitable activities**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
<i>Promotion of surveillance education</i>		
Conference fees	15,200	-

**4. Investment income**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	-	166
	-	166
	-	166

**Surveillance Studies Network**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements Continued**  
**For the year ended 30 April 2019**

**5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
Promotion of surveillance education	5,848	2,944
Support costs	720	373
	<b>6,568</b>	<b>3,317</b>
	<b>6,568</b>	<b>3,317</b>

**6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	£	£
<b>Activities undertaken directly</b>		
Promotion of surveillance education	6,568	3,317

**7. Analysis of support costs**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	£	£
Governance costs	720	373

**8. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities**

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

**9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	360	360
	<b>360</b>	<b>360</b>
	<b>360</b>	<b>360</b>

**Surveillance Studies Network**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements Continued**  
**For the year ended 30 April 2019**

**10. Movement in funds**

**Unrestricted Funds**

	Balance at 01/05/2018 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 30/04/2019 £
<i>General</i>				
General	33,212	15,771	(6,568)	42,415
	<u>33,212</u>	<u>15,771</u>	<u>(6,568)</u>	<u>42,415</u>

**Unrestricted Funds - Previous year**

	Balance at 01/05/2017 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 30/04/2018 £
<i>General</i>				
General	35,701	828	(3,317)	33,212
	<u>35,701</u>	<u>828</u>	<u>(3,317)</u>	<u>33,212</u>

**Purpose of unrestricted Funds**

General

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

**11. Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
<i>General</i>		
General	42,415	42,415
	<u>42,415</u>	<u>42,415</u>

**Surveillance Studies Network**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements Continued**  
**For the year ended 30 April 2019**

**Previous year**

<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>	<b>Net Assets</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>

**Unrestricted funds**

*General*

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**12. Company limited by guarantee**

Surveillance Studies Network is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.