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***Surveillance Studies Network***  
***Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 April 2020***

The Directors present their report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2020.

***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 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)

***Bankers***

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***Accountants***

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# DIRECTORS' REPORT 2019-20

## 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 or five years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting for a further three or five years. No director may serve more than ten 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. Five elected Directors were in post during the reporting period: Dr Nils Zurawski, Professor Torin Monahan, Professor Dean Wilson, Dr Emmeline Taylor, and Dr Rosamunde Van Brakel.

### ***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 growing 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 and as the result of the COVID19 pandemic which started early 2020 this concern has become more prescient as the SSN conference which was planned to take place in June 2020 was cancelled.

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.

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.

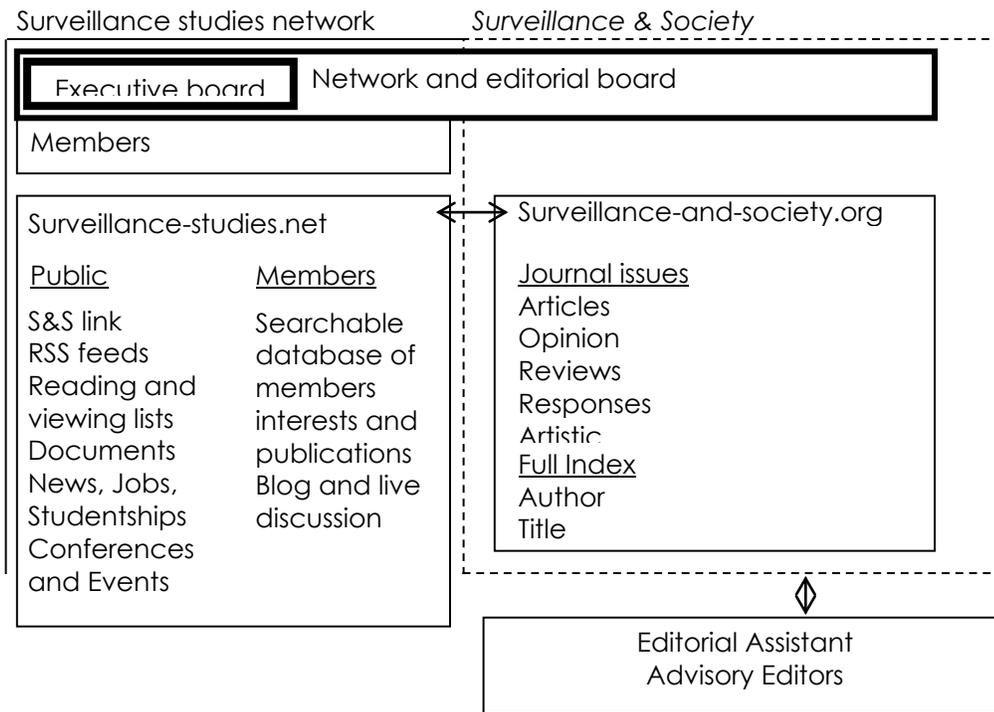


Figure 1: Governance structure of Surveillance Studies Network, incorporating our two websites Surveillance-Studies.net and Surveillance-and-Society.org

During 2019-2020 there were some changes to the Network and Editorial Board.

Greg Wise were elected as a new Associate Editor and Phil Boyle was elected as Book Review Editor. Additionally, Joshua Reeves was re-appointed as an Associate Editor, from 1 January 2020. These appointments are made for an initial period of three years.

At present the Network and Editorial Board currently has a total of 17 members.

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, Nigeria 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;
- 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 2019 – 2020 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 together with Erasmus University Rotterdam (who won the tender) were preparing the 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Surveillance and Society Conference, themed “Lines of Sight: Surveillance 20/20” which was planned to 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). With the start of the pandemic in March 2020 regretfully it became clear that the conference would have to be postponed to 2021. This was communicated to all selected speakers.

### ***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 Pinelopi Troullinou and has over 2500 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***

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 at the next SSN Conference to be held 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 the 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 tenth 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 the most recent successful bid by David Murakami Wood to the 2018 Aid to Scholarly Journals competition, which has resulted in a contribution of almost CAD\$30,000 per annum from 2019-2022. This fund is primarily used to pay for the journal’s Editorial Assistant, <NAME>, and Copy-editor, <NAME>, in 2019-20, 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 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:*

We operate a two-stage reviewing process. First editorial sorting to remove any clearly unpublishable or inappropriate articles. Secondly, high quality double-blind peer reviewing, 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 2020)**

### **Impact Factor (2020): 1.75**

(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)

1.75 is quite high for interdisciplinary social science journals, and our second highest score ever.

*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 2020) of peer-reviewed articles published by *Surveillance & Society* in the two previous years, 2017 and 2018 (145), divided by the total number of peer-reviewed articles published by *Surveillance & Society* in those two years (83).

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, but the overall trend is gradually upwards.

## **SCImago (latest data from 2019 only)**

SCImago uses data from Elsevier's Scopus - [see here for full journal profile](#).

**SCImago Journal Ranking (SJR): 0.539** (2019) (up from 0.451 in 2018).

**H-index: 43** (2019) (up from 40 in 2018).

We are ranked in two categories: 'Safety Research' and 'Urban Studies.'

In 'Safety Research' we are 19th by SJR, and 9th by H-index (out of 102 journals).

In 'Urban Studies', we are 51st by SJR, and 25th by H-index (out of 221 journals).

Finally, compared to all Open Access journals in Social Sciences, we are ranked 172nd by SJR, and 41st by H-index (out of 1449 journals). In that latter categorization, we retained our place in the Top 50 despite there being almost 50% more journals included in 2019 than in 2018.

## Google Scholar

**h5-index: 20 / h5-median: 29**

The Google Scholar h5-index relates to the number of citations for articles published in the last 5 years. [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, with 567. [See more here](#).

## Issues and Articles published (April 2019 – March 2020)

We published three issues in the reporting period, however one of these was a double-issue, making a total of four (this is our standard number of issues / year), with a number of firsts:

- Volume 17, No. 3/4: Visibilities and New Models of Policing (guest eds: Keith Spiller and Xavier L'Hoiry) + Arts Forum dialogue section, the first to be produced by new arts editor, Susan Cahill.
- Volume 17, No. 5: Queer Surveillance (guest eds: Gary Kafer and Daniel Grinberg) + Special Dialogue Section on Decolonizing Surveillance Studies, the first to be produced under new dialogue editor, Bryce Newell.
- Volume 18, No 1: Open Issue

These issues contained a total of 65 published pieces, categorized as follows:

- 32 peer-reviewed articles
- 3 editorials
- 12 dialogue or forum pieces
- 18 book reviews

## Readership

Readership continues to increase by every measure.

During this period, we had over 85,000 unique users on the site, and this of course does not include those who are reading our journal articles through other means.

The Platform Surveillance double theme issue, published just at the end of the last reporting period (March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019) continued to be the most read issue throughout this period, far exceeding any other issue, older or newer with over 15000 unique page views in the reporting period. However the issues published in the reporting period were all highly successful in terms of readership:

- 17 (3/4) Visibilities and New Models of Policing, had over 1800 unique pageviews in the reporting period, and over 2500 by the end of 2020;
- 17(5) Queer Surveillance, also had over 1800 unique pageviews in the reporting period and almost 2400 by the end of 2020; and finally,

- 18(1) Open Issue, only had 500 unique pageviews in the reporting period because it was published in March 2020, but by the end of the year had over 2000.

Our most read articles remained Jose Van Dijk's piece on Datafiction from 2014, with over 6000 unique pageviews in the reporting period; and Ivan Manokha's [Surveillance, Panopticism and Self-Discipline in the Digital Age](#) from 16(2), 2018, which had almost 5000 pageviews in the reporting period, only very slightly fewer than the previous year.

Of the piece published in this period, three articles stand out as being particularly well-read:

- Harris Kornstein's [Under Her Eye: Digital Drag as Obfuscation and Countersurveillance](#), in 17 (5) – <750 unique pageviews during the reporting period and <800 downloads by the end of 2020;
- Luke Stark and Kate Crawford's [The Work of Art in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: What Artists Can Teach Us About the Ethics of Data Practice](#) in 17 (3/4), which had <1500 unique pageviews during the reporting period, and whose PDF was downloaded 900 times to the end of 2020; and above, all:
- Ermus St Louis, Alana Saulnier and Kevin Walby's Police Use of Body-Worn Cameras: Challenges of Visibility, Procedural Justice, and Legitimacy, also in 17 (3/4) – which started slow gradually increased in views until it had <2000 by the end of 2020, and almost 1500 downloads, as well as 8 citations (the same as for Aaron Shapiro's piece in the same issue).

However, by far the most well-read and downloaded piece from this period ended up being the editorial in 18(1) by Torin Monahan and Martin French – [on the challenges for surveillance studies posed by COVID-19](#). In the reporting period, this had only 500 pageviews, but by the end of year had nearly 6000 and <5500 downloads, and already has 35 citations.

We always get good feedback from authors, 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 13 pieces, summarizing articles from 17 (1/2), 17 (3/4) and 17 (5).

## **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)
  - Title: Surveillance and privacy in Africa: The case of Online intermediaries
- Allen Munoriyarwa (University of Johannesburg, South Africa)
  - Title: State surveillance, spying and technologies in Zimbabwe
- Uchenna Jerome Orji (Research Associate, African Center for Cyber Law and Cybercrime Prevention, Uganda)
  - Title: Balancing state digital surveillance powers and the right to privacy in Africa's information society
- Amira Paripurna and Masitoh Indriani (Universitas Airlangga, Indonesia)
  - 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***

The SSN Surveillance Studies Book Prize of £200.00 is awarded to monographs brought to press during the proceeding year. The 2019 SSN Surveillance Book Prize was awarded to:

Policing Indigenous Movements: Dissent and the Security State, by Andrew Crosby and Jeffrey Monaghan, published by Fernwood Press (2018).

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

The SSN Outstanding Scholar Award for 2020 has been postponed as the result of postponement of the SSN conference as the result of the COVID19 pandemic.

## **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.

**(England and Wales)**

**Surveillance Studies Network**

**Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements**

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Report of the Trustees  
For the year ended 30 April 2020**

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 2020. 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 2019).

**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<br>London<br>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  
Dr Torin Monahan Dr  
Emmeline Taylor  
Rosamunde Van Brakel

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Report of the Trustees Continued  
For the year ended 30 April 2020**

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



..... Professor Dean Wilson

## Surveillance Studies Network

### Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure account) For the year ended 30 April 2020

|                                    | Notes | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | 2019<br>£      |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Income and endowments from:</b> |       |                            |                |
| Donations and legacies             | 2     | 872                        | 571            |
| Charitable activities              | 3     | 743                        | 15,200         |
| Investments                        |       | 84                         | -              |
| <b>Total</b>                       |       | <b>1,699</b>               | <b>15,771</b>  |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>             |       |                            |                |
| Charitable activities              | 4/5   | (5,930)                    | (6,568)        |
| <b>Total</b>                       |       | <b>(5,930)</b>             | <b>(6,568)</b> |
| <b>Net income/expenditure</b>      |       | <b>(4,231)</b>             | <b>9,203</b>   |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds</b>     |       |                            |                |
| Total funds brought forward        |       | 42,415                     | 33,212         |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b> |       | <b>38,184</b>              | <b>42,415</b>  |

**Surveillance Studies Network  
Statement of Financial Position  
As at 30 April 2020**

|   | Notes | 2020<br>£     | 2019<br>£     |
|---|-------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |       |               |               |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |       | 38,483        | 42,775        |
|   |       | <b>38,483</b> | <b>42,775</b> |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | 9     | (299)         | (360)         |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |       | <b>38,184</b> | <b>42,415</b> |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>          |       | <b>38,184</b> | <b>42,415</b> |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                     |       | <b>38,184</b> | <b>42,415</b> |
| <b>The funds of the charity</b>                       |       |               |               |
| Unrestricted income funds                             | 10    | 38,184        | 42,415        |
| <b>Total funds</b>                                    |       | <b>38,184</b> | <b>42,415</b> |

For the year ended 30 April 2020 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 statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

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Professor Dean Wilson  
Trustee  
12 January 2021

**Surveillance Studies Network**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 30 April 2020**

**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 2019)', 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>2020</b> | <b>2019</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                           | £           | £           |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |             |             |
| Subscriptions received    | 872         | 571         |
|                           | <b>872</b>  | <b>571</b>  |
|                           | <b>872</b>  | <b>571</b>  |

**3. Income from charitable activities**

|  | <b>2020</b> | <b>2019</b>   |
|--|-------------|---------------|
|  | £           | £             |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>                  |             |               |
| <i>Promotion of surveillance education</i> |             |               |
| Conference fees                            | -           | 15,200        |
| Income from publishing royalties           | 743         | -             |
|  | <b>743</b>  | <b>15,200</b> |
|  | <b>743</b>  | <b>15,200</b> |

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

|                                     | <b>2020</b>  | <b>2019</b>  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                     | £            | £            |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>           |              |              |
| Promotion of surveillance education | 5,690        | 5,848        |
| Support costs                       | 240          | 720          |
|                                     | <b>5,930</b> | <b>6,568</b> |
|                                     | <b>5,930</b> | <b>6,568</b> |

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

|                                       | <b>2020</b> | <b>2019</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                       | £           | £           |
| <b>Activities undertaken directly</b> |             |             |
| Promotion of surveillance education   | 5,930       | 6,568       |

**6. Analysis of support costs**

|                  | <b>2020</b> | <b>2019</b> |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                  | £           | £           |
| Governance costs | 240         | 720         |

**7. Staff costs and emoluments**

|          | <b>2020</b> | <b>2019</b> |
|----------|-------------|-------------|
| Trustees | 5           | 6           |
|          | <b>5</b>    | <b>6</b>    |
|          | <b>5</b>    | <b>6</b>    |

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

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

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**Notes to the Financial Statements Continued**  
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**9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

|                              | 2020       | 2019       |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
|                              | £          | £          |
| Accruals and deferred income | 299        | 360        |
|                              | <b>299</b> | <b>360</b> |
|                              | <b>299</b> | <b>360</b> |

**10. Movement in funds**

**Unrestricted Funds**

|                | Balance at<br>01/05/2019 | Incoming<br>resources | Outgoing<br>resources | Balance at<br>30/04/2020 |
|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|                | £                        | £                     | £                     | £                        |
| <i>General</i> |                          |                       |                       |                          |
| General        | 42,415                   | 1,699                 | (5,930)               | 38,184                   |
|                | <b>42,415</b>            | <b>1,699</b>          | <b>(5,930)</b>        | <b>38,184</b>            |
|                | <b>42,415</b>            | <b>1,699</b>          | <b>(5,930)</b>        | <b>38,184</b>            |

**Unrestricted Funds - Previous year**

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

**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<br>assets /<br>(liabilities) | Net Assets    |
|---------------------------|--|---------------|
|                           | £  | £             |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |  |               |
| <i>General</i>            |  |               |
| General                   | 38,184                                   | 38,184        |
|                           | <b>38,184</b>                            | <b>38,184</b> |
|                           | <b>38,184</b>                            | <b>38,184</b> |

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**Previous year**

|                           |               |               |                 | Net current<br>assets /<br>(liabilities)<br>£ | Net Assets<br><br>£ |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |               |               |                 |   |                     |
| <i>General</i>            |               |               |                 |   |                     |
| General                   |               |               | 12 January 2021 | 42,415  | 42,415              |
|                           | <b>42,415</b> | <b>42,415</b> |                 |   |                     |

**12. Company limited by guarantee**

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

