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Inaugural Lecture

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*Itinerant Data: Unveiling Gendered Scrutiny at the Border*

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Harnack-Haus, Ihnestraße 16–20, 14195 Berlin



### PROGRAM

#### 18.00 Welcome and Introductions:

PROF. DR. GÜNTER M. ZIEGLER, President, Freie Universität Berlin

PROF. DR. CAROLA RICHTER, Institute for Media and Communication Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

#### 18.15 Lecture

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Technologized border regimes transform bodies into data and embed them within archives of suspicion. Old prejudices and Orientalist mindsets continue to exert a spectral presence over the preemptive logics of sorting at the border. Examining the performance of surveillance rituals directed towards bodies of risk and their digital possessions, this lecture discusses how border regimes reproduce familiar patterns of racial and gendered Othering. How do objections raised by Muslim women to the circulation of their cellular data serve as a point of departure to rethink the politics of national belonging in terms of the new itinerancy of data and bodies?

#### 19.00 Reception

The event is open to the public

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