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**Beyond the Panopticon:
Observing, representing and managing people**

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A comparative and historical overview of the ways in which people have been enumerated, investigated and monitored. We will examine the long-term trajectory of state and non-state observation, emphasizing the collection and uses of data in European, colonial and post-colonial polities. Using the various insights of Foucault, Hacking, and Asad, the following tools will be considered: vital statistics (births, deaths, marriages); censuses; passports; fingerprinting; and bio-banks.

SEPT 9th: Counting, Classifying, Controlling? Introductory Perspectives

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Michel Foucault, *Discipline and punish: The birth of the prison* (New York: Random House, 1978), 195-228.

Ian Hacking, "Biopower and the avalanche of numbers," *Humanities in Society*, 1982, **5**: 279-295.

Peter Buck, "Seventeenth-Century political arithmetic: Civil strife and vital statistics," *Isis*, 1977, **68**: 67-84.

James C. Scott. *Seeing like a state: How certain schemes to improve the human condition have failed* (New Haven Conn.: Yale University Press, 1998), 11-83.

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Dominique Arel, "Language categories in censuses: backward- or forward-looking?" in David I Kertzer and Dominique Arel (eds.), *Census and identity. The politics of race, ethnicity and language in national censuses* (Cambridge University Press, 2002), 92-120.

Alain Blum, "Resisting identity categorization in France," in David I Kertzer and Dominique Arel (eds.), *Census and identity. The politics of race, ethnicity and language in national censuses* (Cambridge University Press, 2002), 121-147.

Francine Hirsch, "The Soviet Union as a work-in-progress: Ethnographers and the category 'nationality' in the 1926, 1937 and 1939 censuses," *Slavic Review*, 1997, **56**: 256-278.

Melissa Nobles, *Shades of citizenship: Race and the census in modern politics* (Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 2000), Chapter 4, "Identities in search of bodies: popular campaigns around censuses", 129-162.

OCT 14th: Classification (2)

Benedict R. Anderson, *Imagined communities: reflections on the origin and spread of nationalism* (Revised edition, New York: Verso, 2006), Chapter 10, "Census, map, museum", pp. 163-186.

Bernard Cohn, "The census, social structure and objectification in South Asia," in Cohn, *An Anthropologist among the historians and other essays* (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1987), 224-254.

Arjun Appadurai, "Number in the colonial imagination," in Carol A. Breckenridge and Peter van der Veer (eds.), *Orientalism and the postcolonial predicament* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 1993), 314-339.

Sumit Guha, "The politics of identity and enumeration in India c. 1600-1990," *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 2003, **45**: 148-167.

OCT 21st: Investigators & Subjects

Rachelle Munkhoff, "Searchers of the dead: Authority, marginality and the interpretation of plague in England, 1574-1665," *Gender & History*, 1999, **11**: 1-29.

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J.E. Goldthorpe, "Attitudes to the census and vital registration in East Africa," *Population Studies*, 1952, 6: 163-171.

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Jane Caplan, "'This or that particular person': Protocols of identification in nineteenth century Europe," in Jane Caplan and John Torpey (eds.), *Documenting individual identity. The development of state practices in the modern world* (Princeton University Press, 2001), 49-66.

Andrea Geselle, "Domenica Saba takes to the road: Origins and development of a modern passport system in Lombardy-Veneto," in Jane Caplan and John Torpey (eds.), *Documenting individual*

identity. The development of state practices in the modern world (Princeton University Press, 2001), 199-218.

Simon R. S. Szreter, "The right of registration: Development, identity registration, and social security—a historical perspective," *World Development*, 2007, **35 (1)**: 67-86.

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John M. Eyler, *Victorian social medicine: The ideas and methods of William Farr* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1979), 13-36 and 123-158.

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Nayan Shah, *Contagious divides: epidemics and race in San Francisco's Chinatown* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001), 17-45.

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Skúli Sigurdsson, "Yin-Yang genetics, or the HSD DeCode controversy," *New Genetics and Society*, 2001, 20: 103-117.

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