**WORKSHOP “POWER AND SPACE IN THE DRONE AGE”, Neuchâtel University, 27-28 August 2015**

**Short biographies (alphabetical order)**

**\* Keynote speakers**

**\* Peter Adey** is Professor of Human Geography at Royal Holloway University of London. His research examines the relationship between mobility and security, with a particular interest in the culture and politics of the aerial, including the governance of emergency, military cultures, and the futures of mobility. Peter’s latest books are *Air* (Reaktion, 2014) and the co‐edited *From Above: war, violence* *and verticality* (Hurst/OUP, 2013). He is currently working on *Levitation* for Reaktion, finishing a book on the Liverpool Blitz for Bloomsbury, and developing a long term book project on the politics of evacuation. Peter is also programme director for the MSc in Geopolitics and Security at Royal Holloway, rhulgeopolitics.wordpress.com.

**Afxentis Afxentiou** completed his BA in History and Politics [University of Sheffield, grad. 2012]. He then went on to complete an MA in Global Politics and Law [University of Sheffield, 2013] receiving the Bethan Reeves Award for highest academic record. At the moment he is a PhD student at the University of Brighton and his thesis is titled 'The politics and ethics of drone bombing in its historical context'. His research interests lie mainly on ethics and warfare, and particularly on the analysis of discourses that claim to provide an account for phenomena like drone bombing. To this end, he is also a member of the Understanding Conflict Research Cluster in the University of Brighton.

**Ciara Bracken‐Roche** is a second‐year doctoral candidate in the Department of Sociology. Ciara received her BSc. from the University of Toronto and her MA from the University of Warwick, UK. Her Masters thesis was entitled ‘The Biopolitics of Security: Implications for the Border and for Identity’ with a specific focus on the European Union’s bordering systems, and databases. Ciara’s ongoing interest is in the relationships between the state, society and the individual with a strong theoretical background in international relations and critical security studies. Her dissertation research analyzes the contribution of unmanned aerial systems to the rapid expansion of security, policing and commercial surveillance. Ciara sits on a number of departmental committees as well as being a member of the graduate student union's social team.

**\* Jeremy W. Crampton** is Associate Professor in Geography at the University of Kentucky, and a Co‐ Founder of the New Maps Collaboratory. He has interests in critical mapping, GIS and geographical intelligence (GEOINT). His most recent book is *Mapping: A Critical Introduction to Cartography and* *GIS* (Wiley, 2010).

**Kyle Grayson** (PhD York University, Canada) is a Senior Lecturer in International Politics in the School of Geography, Politics, and Sociology at Newcastle University UK where he teaches international relations, geopolitics, and popular culture. He is a co‐editor of the UK Political Studies Association's journal POLITICS, an associate editor of Critical Studies on Security, and a co‐editor of the *Popular* *Culture and World Politics* Series (Routledge). His current research examines the cultural politics of targeted killing.

**Ariel Handel** is a postdoctoral fellow at the Department of Politics and Government, Ben Gurion University, and a research fellow at the Minerva Humanities Center, Tel Aviv University. His research interests are mobilities in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, mapping and spatial representations, and the political philosophy of geography. He is the head of the "Space and Power: A Political

Lexicon" research group at the Minerva Humanities Center, Tel Aviv University. His publications include *Protest: A Political Lexicon* (ed., 2012), *Geographies of Occupation* (forthcoming), "Gated/Gating Community: The Settlements Complex in the West Bank" (*Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 2014) and several other journal papers and book chapters.

**Anna Jackman** is a PhD candidate in human geography at the University of Exeter. Anna's research explores the propagation of unmanned technologies (drones) in military, commercial, and civilian spheres, attending to a range of questions emergent in these distinct contexts. Anna is particularly interested in exploring the industries, institutions, and discourses that enable or subvert the proliferation of these technologies.

**\* Ole B. Jensen** is professor of Urban Theory in the Department of Architecture and Media Technology at Aalborg University, Denmark. His background is in sociology and he is associated to the Urban Design research group. His main research interests are within the fields of mobilities research, urban studies, urban design, infrastructure architectures and city branding/cultural planning.

**Francisco Klauser** is assistant professor in political geography at the University of Neuchâtel,

Switzerland. His work bridges the academic fields of human geography, surveillance studies and risk research. In recent years, he has developed an international portfolio of work dealing with the topics of sport mega‐event security, risk and surveillance in the aviation sector, video surveillance and Big Data.

**Silvana Pedrozo** is a second‐year PhD student working in the Department of Geography at the University of Neuchâtel (Switzerland). Her research concentrates on aerial and mobile surveillance and on related security issues, with a special focus on military and civil drones in border and urban areas. She aims at understanding how the use of drones affects the spatial and collaborative logics that shape the aerial control of the Swiss territory.

**Oliver Pye** is a lecturer in Southeast Asian Studies at Bonn University, with a research focus on political ecology and social movements. He is currently leading a DFG research project on

“Connecting the urban and the rural: A political ecology of the Kapuas River (Kalimantan,

Indonesia).” Recent publications include “The Palm Oil Controversy in Southeast Asia. A Transnational Perspective” (2012) and “A Political Ecology of Agrofuels” (2015, co‐edited).

**Irendra Radjawali** is a PhD candidate at the University of Bremen, Germany in Geography where he uses political‐ecology as the framework of analysis. His research deals with the social‐ecological transformation in different ecosystems in Indonesia. He is working in a project called "The Political Ecology of Kapuas River, Indonesia" where he elaborates what so called participatory hydro‐political appraisal, combining participatory action research and participatory rural appraisal. Prior to current research, he worked as researcher at a project called SPICE (Science for the Protection of Indonesia Coastal Ecosystem) where he conducted political‐ecology analysis of reef fishery in Indonesia. At the moment he utilizes do‐it‐yourself drones to promote spatial transparency in Indonesia, working with local communities and local NGOs establishing what is known as "community drones".

**\* Ian Shaw** is a Lecturer in Human Geography at the School of Geographical and Earth Sciences at the University of Glasgow. He is a political geographer who researches the intersection between drone warfare, technology, and geopolitics in U.S. national security and beyond. In particular, his approach emphasises why the drone is a political actor involved in the ongoing transformation of sovereignty, territory, and violence.

**Synne Tollerud Bull** is a PhD candidate in the Department of Media and Communication, University of Oslo and a contemporary artist. Her work centers on an ongoing investigation into moving images and human perception addressing the intersection of aesthetics, politics and technology through film, video, installation and text. She has exhibited her videos and installations internationally together with Dragan Miletic as Bull.Miletic. Synne initiated and organized several exhibitions, symposia and events, and is contributing co‐editor of two anthologies; Urban Images: Unruly Desires in Film and Architecture, 2011 and Screen Space Reconfigured, forthcoming. Her doctoral project has the working title Aerial View in Motion: from Victorian Fairground Rides to Stratospheric Itineraries.

**Neil Waghorn** is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Geography and Earth Sciences at Aberystwyth University. He holds an MA in Regional and Environmental Policy, an MSc in Intelligence and Strategic Studies and a BSc in International Politics and Intelligence Studies. His primary research focuses on the civilian adoption of unmanned aerial vehicles.