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Speakers: Processing Citizenship research team: Prof. Annalisa Pelizza, PI, Introduction (5 min); presentations by Wouter van Rossem, Dr. Paul Trauttmansdorff, Lorenzo Olivieri (10 mins each); Dr. Chiara Loschi, discussant (5 min).

The ERC project Processing Citizenship (G.A. 714463) is directed by Prof. Annalisa Pelizza. Launched in March 2017, it is currently based at the Department of Communication and Philosophy, University of Bologna. Seric has already hosted two talks stemming from the project: a presentation by Prof. Pelizza, in 2019; a discussion of preliminary findings of a social network analysis conducted throughout EU legislative documents defining data circulation in EU information systems on border and migration management, by Prof. Pelizza and Dr. Andrea Pettrachin, in 2021.

The stirring question of the project is "How do data infrastructures for processing migrations and refugees co-produce individuals and Europe?". The question can be answered legally and politically, but also technically, as Processing Citizenship research outputs are corroborating. The project is extending to non-European citizens the study of how digital circulation of data assets about population and territory is re-enacting European governance along new boundaries. The project is deeply embedded in the Science and Technology Studies (STS) and Actor Network Theory (ANT) methods, while it also addresses a new research field in governance by technologies under a transnational perspective.

After having already presented theoretical backgrounds and early research outputs, Processing Citizenship team wishes now to share more in-depth information concerning the methods that researchers combine. To name few, the project approaches digital infrastructures by ethnographic and historical investigations, policy documentation, textual analysis and develops analytical tools and games informed by laboratory studies, the foundation of STS, aiming at understanding how scientific knowledge is created, established and shared. As the seminar wishes to discuss, the methods applied are contributing to the emerging toolkit in governance by technology scholarship.

More info on the project at: https://processingcitizenship.eu/

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