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## Details of the lecture

**Date: 21 April 2023**  
**Time: 16:00 - 17:30 CET**  
**(Amsterdam)**  
**Place:**  
**- IVIR Room, REC A5.24**  
**- online via Zoom**

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In capitalist political economies, the emergence of informationally mediated modes of development has produced large scale shifts toward identification and extraction of intangible resources, datafication of inputs to economic production and platformization as the dominant underlying logic of economic organization. It has also manifested in the identification of people as a new major input to production, and in the emergence of new, data-extractive strategies and practices targeting populations, or surveillance capitalism. These strategies, which operate by entangling participants in durable, materially-mediated, assortative arrangements, pose important challenges for theories of information society governance. Such theories must account for three problematics: the effective power of infrastructures for datafied, extractive ordering to reorder economies and rewire polities; the vast and overlapping scales at which such infrastructures facilitate exchange and communication; and the rise of new modes of data-driven legibility, transparency, and opacity that both reveal and conceal the operation of digital power.