



From universalizing transparency to the interplay of transparency matrices

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- The „Play of light and darkness“ (Foucault, 1979)

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TRANSPARENCY MATRICES	Law	Discipline	Security	Care
Logic	Prohibitive	Prescriptive	Anticipatory	Supportive
Objective	Avoiding misconduct	Normalizing conduct	Managing circulation	Care for self and others
Transparency modality	Revealing and publicly punishing misconduct	Comparing what (one) is in relation to what (one) should be; making differences visible	Forecasting; making visible unknown futures and uncertain developments	Disclosing / exposing a subjective truth
Paradigmatic practices	The criminal investigation	The examination	The statistical correlation	Confessional and parrhesiastic truth-telling
Exemplary mediating technologies	Oral, written and visualized evidence and intelligence, the exposure on public blacklists	Performance scores, league tables, ratings and rankings, white- and red-lists	Social statistics, big data, spotting and visualizing trends and patterns, (algorithmic) profiling	'Portable electronic confessionals'; mass and social media
Telos	Preventing disorder through law	Creating order through rewards and punishment	Optimizing populations	Guiding people towards a specific end; transformation



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