The digital worlds that we inhabit in our everyday lives are organised by myriad digital devices and infrastructures. From tablets, smartphones, and computers to watches and health trackers digital devices open up and close down the possibilities of what we can and cannot do as we interact, transact, connect and communicate. At the same time, they generate enormous volumes of data about our movements, locations, preferences, associations, activities, interests, encounters, and private and public relationships. In doing so they can powerfully shape and have consequences for who we are as both individuals and collectives. Evelyn Ruppert will discuss how data politics involve struggles between closings and openings and how subjects become rights claiming citizens through what they say and do through the Internet.

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