

# CREATIVE RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE (CRC) FELLOW'S TALK + RESEARCH SOCIAL HOUR

## CRC TALK 04 | TH \_ 09 March

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#### *New Technology Innovations And Their Influence On Organizations; The Case Of Body Worn Cameras*

In this presentation, we will discuss the idea of viewing body worn cameras as a tangible instance of Internet of Things technology. Through this view, we highlight potential technological and management implications of IoT in adopting organizations and identify new governance challenges associated with this new era of technology.

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#### *Prohesion and Policing: Exploring the Materiality of Body Worn Cameras as a Solution to Policing Governance*

Following a number of high-profile civilian killings by the police in recent years, agencies across the country have outfitted patrol officers with body worn cameras (BWCs) to record their work. This talk considers BWCs among a wider set of technological innovations that state authorities have undertaken to remake governance in the digital age. In a recent book on surveillance technologies, I introduce the term prohesion to describe an emergent logic of governance whereby authorities use the unique capabilities of advanced information, communication, and imaging systems in order to increase their control over both the materiality of social life (adhesion) and the fragmented structure of the state (cohesion). This talk explores to what extent the push towards BWCs exhibits these same tendencies and what such an understanding contributes to more critically considering the place of this emergent technology in contemporary policing.

Keith Guzik is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Colorado, Denver. He is the author of *Making Things Stick: Surveillance Technologies and Mexico's War on Crime*; *Arresting Abuse: Mandatory Legal Interventions, Power, and Intimate Abusers*; and coeditor with Andrew Picking of *The Mangle in Practice: Science, Society, and Becoming*.