CENTRE FOR PRIVACY STUDIES
(PRIVACY)

ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

Since 15 September 2017 we have been engaged in establishment and recruitment.

Establishment

PRIVACY has taken over its location and has consolidated its institutional integration. Three PRIVACY core scholars have been appointed full professors this last year. Mette Birkedal Bruun became professor of church history at the Faculty of Theology, UCPH (TEO) (July 2017); Peter Thule Kristensen became professor and director of the programme *Spatial Design* at The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, School of Architecture (KADK) (Aug. 2017); and Helle Vogt has been appointed professor of history of law at the Faculty of Law, UCPH (JUR) (per April 2018). These appointments amplify the ongoing exchange between the cross-disciplinary endeavours of the Centre and research and education at the institutions involved.

   PRIVACY opened on 1 Nov. After a tour of the location positioned in a separate wing at TEO, the Centre was inaugurated with speeches by Dean Kirsten Busch Nielsen, Rector of the UCPH Henrik C. Wegener and Chair of the National Research Foundation Liselotte Højgaard and a presentation of the research programme by Mette Birkedal Bruun.

Recruitment

We have selected the first generation of researchers: three PhD-students and seven postdocs in the four core fields: church history, history of architecture, history of ideas and history of law. These scholars will play a central role in the definition of PRIVACY's academic ethos and practices, and it has been critical to recruit people who are fit to shoulder this task. PRIVACY's research programme differs substantially from most research in the four core fields where collaborative and cross-disciplinary work is uncommon. The most novel aspect, however, is the site-based approach. In the Centre's core fields scholars generally choose their own research topics, but at PRIVACY we break away from this norm on the assumption that a shared research object enhances cross-disciplinary integration, and the research team will examine notions of privacy by analysing eleven historical cases: specific sites in specific periods.

   It is vital that members of the research team understand this condition and can work with it in a systematic and dynamic way. In order to inform and inspire potential applicants, we organized a two-day recruitment seminar in October (inspired by UrbNet). More than 70 people applied; 44 scholars from 16 countries were selected for a highly successful seminar with presentation of the research programme and instruction on the application. We received 173 applications and conducted 35 interviews with a group of excellent candidates. In mid-February we selected ten brilliant new colleagues from Brazil, Denmark, Germany, Israel, Italy and Sweden who are on their way.