

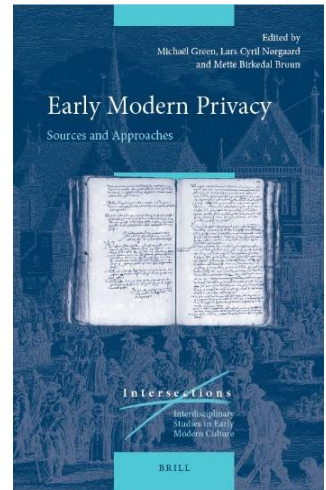
The Centre for Privacy Studies (PRIVACY) was established in 2017, and is dedicated to interdisciplinary research into historical notions of privacy and the private. PRIVACY brings together researchers from church history, history of architecture, history of political ideas, history of law and social history, and reaches out to scholars working on current privacy issues. In our research, we are establishing brand-new collaborative methods suited to the integration of diverse scholarly fields and approaches. 2021 was dedicated to broadcasting our research to a wider scholarly audience and to honouring our aspiration to bring studies of early modern Europe into new scholarly configurations.

HIGHLIGHTS 2021

PRIVACY PUBLISHED

In 2021, we published the first two volumes of studies from PRIVACY. *Privacy and the Private in Early Modern Dutch Contexts* is a theme issue of *The Low Countries Journal of Social and Economic History* edited by Natália da Silva Perez. It illuminates dimensions of early modern Dutch privacy which are put in perspective by Dr Perez's introduction on privacy as a valid analytical lens to use when studying social history.

The volume *Early Modern Privacy: Sources and Approaches* is edited by Michaël Green, Lars Cyril Nørgaard and Mette Birkedal Bruun, and published by Brill. It contains nineteen chapters written by scholars from a wide array of fields, ranging from eminent and established luminaries to up-and-coming scholars with fresh approaches, as well as an introduction to PRIVACY's work method by Bruun. Both volumes are available through open access and herald a host of collective publications to appear over the coming years.



PRIVACY IN EUROPE AND BEYOND

PRIVACY's research programme centres on nine European cases. In 2021 we supported this research with seminars on individual cases and related topics as well as our grand online conference and master-class *Early Modern Notions of Privacy and the Private*. However, we also took our knowledge of early modern European notions of privacy into new cultural contexts. Natacha Klein Käfer leads our initiative on privacy in Latin America in collaboration with historians from the Universidade Federal de Santa Maria, Brazil, and in 2021 this cooperation gave rise to the conference *Privacy in Global Perspectives: Approaches and History*. This broader view on privacy was further augmented by the project *PRIVACY BLACK & WHITE*, a data-driven project on slavery in the Caribbean, funded by the University of Copenhagen and conducted in collaboration with colleagues from history and computer science. Finally, Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellow Nuno Grancho, who arrived at the Centre in 2021, adds an Indian perspective to our research.

PRIVACY IN PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

PRIVACY is dedicated to historical research, but we aim to show that research into the past can be a resource when dealing with the present. In 2021 we continued to strengthen this dimension of our mission, encouraged by the lively energy of PRIVACY's corona-related offshoot project STAY HOME. We launched the *Privacy Studies Journal* with a magnificent inaugural conference that involved experts on privacy past and present, from Roman culture to Artificial Intelligence, as well as authorities on privacy from the UN and the EU. Driven by the same urge, but on a more local scale, Bruun brought PRIVACY's work method into her collaboration with Nete Schwennesen (PI, anthropology) and Katherine Ó Cathaoir (law) on Danish nursing homes as private homes, work places and public institutions. While somewhat separated from the daily work at PRIVACY, such endeavours inspire us to challenge our deep and specialized historical research with the question "and so what?"