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A Frederic Ewen Lecture in Civil Liberties and Academic Freedom

Harvard Yard to Lubyanka? Academic Freedom & the Net in the Facebook Era



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The Net has become the most intensive surveillance instrument in human history. Universities, because they are hubs of digital culture, are now primary centers of digital surveillance. Of course, almost all the time almost everyone is only being spied on for profit. It wasn't supposed to be this way. In this lecture, I consider the difference between how it was supposed to be and how it is. I also consider what we'd better do about it, while we still can.

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