The rapidly developing technologies of surveillance and intelligence service access to personal data held by private sector actors such as telecom companies are highly controversial in Europe. The use of personal data held by Facebook to nudge Facebook customers towards political choices as revealed by the Cambridge Analytica scandal has outraged data protection authorities in Europe and raised awareness of the issues which new technologies present. Nowhere is the incursions into privacy and personal data more pronounced that in the fields of border controls and migration where people find themselves in situations of vulnerability in front of foreign border guards (or visa officers) which vulnerability encourages them to provide enormous amounts of personal data which is stored and shared by immigration authorities not only with other authorities within the state but also trans-nationally. In these linked presentations, we will examine these challenges from the perspective of legitimacy and international legality.

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