

## 1. Events

### Event Details

# The Real-Time City? Big Data and Smart Urbanism

### Scientifique

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### Lecture

**Start date : 28 February 2014 18:00**  
**Date de fin : 28 February 2014 19:30**

**Where : Oxford**

**Hosted by : Oxford Internet Institute at the University of Oxford**

### Information sources :

<http://www.oii.ox.ac.uk/events/?id=644>

The Oxford Internet Institute at the University of Oxford is proud to host Professor Rob Kitchin who will be giving a Bellwether Lecture.

Professor Kitchin will present a talk on '[The Real-Time City? Big Data and Smart Urbanism](#)'

### Abstract:

'Smart cities' is a term that has gained traction in academia, business and government to describe cities that, on the one hand, are increasingly composed of and monitored by pervasive and ubiquitous computing and, on the other, whose economy and governance is being driven by innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship, enacted by smart people. This paper focuses on the former and, drawing on a number of examples, details how cities are being instrumented with digital devices and infrastructure that produce 'big data'. Such data, smart city advocates argue enables real-time analysis of city life, new modes of urban governance, and provides the raw material for envisioning and enacting more efficient, sustainable, competitive, productive, open and transparent cities. The final section of the paper provides a critical reflection on the implications of big data and smart urbanism, examining five emerging concerns: the politics of big urban data, technocratic governance and city development, corporatisation of city governance and technological lock-ins, buggy, brittle and hackable cities, and the panoptic city.

## **Practical informations :**

All are welcome to the talk and the reception to follow it. To register, please email your name and affiliation to or telephone +44 (0)1865 287210.

The Bellwether Lectures:

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1 <http://www.oii.ox.ac.uk/events/?id=644>

2 <http://www.oii.ox.ac.uk/events/?id=644>

3 <https://twitter.com/search?q=%23oiibellwether&f=realtime>