

The main aim of this diploma thesis is to articulate the basic problems and terms of the „Surveillance Studies“. The grounds of the discipline are described in eight subchapters according to one of the founders of the discipline prof. David Lyon. Gradual formation and development of the surveillance and the surveillance society, relationships between surveillance and modernity, Foucault’s conception of panoptism and Orwell’s Big Brother are outlined in this point. Later on are specific terms of „Surveillance Studies“ explained and applied on real cases of the systems of surveillance. The application of the terms on the real cases should prove the hypothesis, that actual shape of the theory of surveillance is no more sufficient.