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The consensus is overwhelming: everybody seems to agree on the need for more transparency. From President Obama to whistleblower Edward Snowden, from CEO annual addresses to WikiLeaks – all converge on the point of transparency.

But what exactly does the increasing demand for transparency stand for? What are its historical roots and why has it become such a powerful catchword in today's hyper-mediated economies of information?

This workshop scrutinizes the predominantly positive circulation of the term across diverse areas of society, be they political practices, institutional organization, economic systems or morals orders and asks why it has become the new imperative of a supposedly post-ideological age.

Trans parency A Critical Approach



International Workshop
14- 15 May 2015, St. Gallen



“Sunlight is said to be the best of all disinfectants.”

- **Louis Brandeis**

Organization:

Emmanuel Alloa & Dieter Thomä
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Sciences, Universität St. Gallen)

Open to all interested participants
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Thursday May 14th 2015

**Location: Vadiana-Bibliothek,
Notkerstrasse 23, St. Gallen**

14.-14.30 Welcome and Introduction

14.30-15.30 **Manfred SCHNEIDER** (Bochum)
*The Dream of Transparency. Aquinas,
Rousseau, Sartre*

15.30-16.30 **Thomas DOCHERTY** (Warwick)
On private life and the scrutiny of responsibility

16.30-17.00 Break

17.00-18.45 KEYNOTE

Amitai ETZIONI (Washington)
*Is Transparency the Best of all Disinfectants?
A Communitarian Approach*

Friday May 15th 2015

**Location: Universität St. Gallen, Campus,
Building 23**

[Room 23-101]
8.45 Opening words

9.00-10.00 **Sandrine BAUME** (Lausanne)
*Transparency. The Birth of a Successful Political
Metaphor*

10.00-11.00 **Dieter MERSCH** (Zurich)
*Obfuscating Transparency. The Paradoxes of
Participation*

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15-12.15 **Martin HARTMANN** (Luzern)
Transparency and Trust

12.15-13.30 Lunch

[Room 23-203]

13.30-14.30 **Vincent KAUFMANN** (HSG)
*From Jenny to North West. The Invention of Reality
TV*

14.45-15.45 **Emmanuel Alloa** (HSG)
*The Dark Spots of Transparency. Bentham's Legacy.
A Dialogue with an Absent Guest*

15.45-16.00 Concluding Discussion