Governing Intelligence: Transnational Threats and the National Security State

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As the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 Commission Report approaches, the recurring dispute over the boundaries of the post-9/11 national security state is once again in full swing. In the United States, legislators, academics, and commentators have put forward various proposals to rein in intelligence gathering ranging from increased transparency in the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to enhanced oversight of the Intelligence Community. As a result, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, has pledged to conduct a "total review" of all intelligence programs.

The goal of Governing Intelligence is to move beyond the rather narrow focus of today's debate—largely about surveillance—to have a much broader conversation about the power and limits of intelligence agencies. We will convene academics, policymakers, business leaders, and civil society groups to analyze the challenges of intelligence governance from a comparative and international perspective. The premise behind the symposium is that the debate to rein in intelligence gathering should occur along with an examination of the power and limits of intelligence agencies in the face of transnational threats such as terrorism, cyber-warfare, drug trafficking, and

weapons proliferation. Only then will we appreciate the imperatives of freedom and security in their proper context.

WilmerHale Partner Benjamin Powell will be a featured speaker on the panel entitled, "Executive Power, Legal Mandates & Organizational Design."

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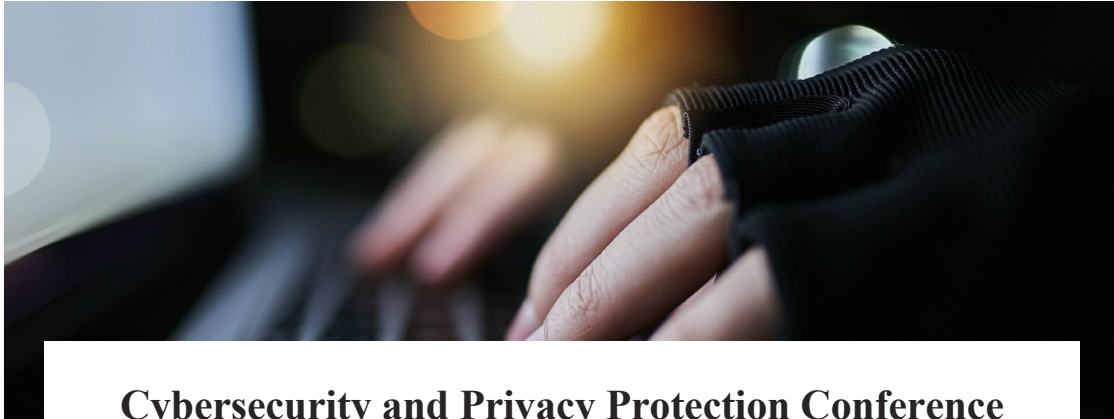Government Contracts   National Security   Artificial Intelligence

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