



STATES OF SECRECY

A CONFERENCE ON SCIENTIFIC SECRECY
FROM ALCHEMY TO THE ATOMIC BOMB

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2009

SCIENCE CENTER 469, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

9:00–10:15 **THE PHILOSOPHY OF SECRETS**

Chair: **KATHARINE PARK** Harvard University

Openness versus Secrecy: Some Historical
and Conceptual Issues

KOEN VERMEIR Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Galen of Pergamun: Between the Logical
and the Exegetical Method

MARCO VINIEGRA Harvard University

10:45–12:00 **THE POLITICS OF EARLY MODERN SECRECY**

Chair: **ALISHA RANKIN** Tufts University

Commerce and Secrecy in Early Modern Jewry

DANIEL JÜTTE University of Heidelberg

Secret Communication and the Origins of
Modern Science and Espionage

KRISTIE MACRAKIS Georgia Institute of Technology

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Society at the Harvard Kennedy School, the Institute of
Philosophy and Centre for Logic and Analytical Philosophy
at the University of Leuven, and the Working Groups of the
Department of the History of Science at Harvard University.

1:30–2:45 **CONFIDENTIALITY, PATENTING AND TRADE SECRETS**

Chair: **MICHAEL HERZFELD** Harvard University

Good Secrecy: Constructing Confidentiality in
Early Modern Science and Technology

MARIO BIAGIOLI Harvard University

Patenting Secrets, Open Knowledge and the
Invention of Color Printing

DANIEL MARGOCSY Harvard University

3:15–4:30 **SECRECY IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY BIG SCIENCE**

Chair: **SHEILA JASANOFF** Harvard Kennedy School

Secrecy and the Bomb from
Postwar to Cold War

ALEX WELLERSTEIN Harvard University

Information Control in Genome Research

STEPHEN HILGARTNER Cornell University

5:00–6:00 **KEYNOTE AND OVERALL DISCUSSION**

Transhistorical Secrecy

PETER GALISON Harvard University

6:00–7:30 **RECEPTION**

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