SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE AT MEGA-EVENTS: WHAT ARE THE LEGACIES FROM VANCOUVER 2010?

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A sailor stands guard at the bow of the Royal Navy Helicopter Carrier HMS Ocean as she makes her way up the River Thames as part of security rehearsals ahead of the London 2012 Olympics.
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HMS Ocean, an amphibious assault ship, sails up the Thames River as part of a military exercise to test security preparations ahead of the 2012 London Olympics. (Sang Tan/Associated Press)
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A British soldier checks ID cards at the entrance to Olympic Park in London. The Summer Games begin July 27, but security preparations have hit several snags. (Jae Hong/Associated Press)
Security costs for the 2012 Summer Games in London:

£1,000,000

It had to be this high so we could work the logo in!
BLOOD SPORTS...

ANY TERRORISTS CAUGHT YOUR EYE?

NOPE, EVERYONE'S STILL STUCK AT BORDER CONTROL EXCEPT DURAN DURAN!
“Mega-Events”--
Where nothing should go wrong

- Destination-marketing
- Place Branding
What are the “wrongs”
The “Perfect Storm” for Security Operations

• The Power of the Security-Industrial complex
• Supportive public opinion
• Destination marketing
• Corporate sponsorship
• Local political and administrative motivations
Security measures vary according to:

• Centralization of state functions
• Permeability of the state to private influence
• Traditions of civil society activism
• Strength of data protection agencies
Olympic Security Legacies

- Technological
- Institutional
- Informational
- Knowledge
- Legal
- Spatial
- Attitudinal
- Geo-political
Technological Legacies of Vancouver 2010

- Video-surveillance cameras
  - At event venues (RCMP)
  - City of Vancouver (VPD)
    - Temporary re-deployable cameras
  - BC ferries
Institutional/Policy Legacies

- RCMP Major Events Policy Template
- VPD Public Safety Unit
- Military Liaison Unit
Conclusions.....

• The “Ratcheting Up” of technology and training

• Inter-agency coordination
  – Personal + Professional
  – Civilian/military
  – Municipal/federal
  – Municipal/municipal