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This panel examines how security is lived, performed, and reproduced in everyday life, and how these practices shape collective identities, boundaries of belonging, and notions of normality under conditions of uncertainty. Moving beyond institutional analyses of security, the papers investigate how cultural, discursive, and material practices, such as food culture or education, contribute to the social construction of security and insecurity. Drawing on cases, such as the construction of secrecy or societal resilience, the panel explores how security operates through cultural, material and other informal infrastructures. In doing so, the panel advances debates in security studies that foreground the cultural and epistemic dimensions of security, and analyses how ordinary practices sustain, challenge, or reconfigure security cultures in contemporary societies.

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