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The Evolution of the Internet Governance Ecosystem

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Events Series on the Future of Internet Governance

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On October 2, 2014 the [Global Network of Interdisciplinary Internet & Society Research Centers](#) will host an academic symposium on 'The Evolution of the Internet Governance Ecosystem' as part of an ongoing Network of Centers (NoC) [events series on the future of Internet governance](#). The event will mark an important milestone in the NoC's globally coordinated research effort aimed at examining existing and potential models of decentralized and collaborative governance with the goal of informing the evolution of - and current debate around - the Internet governance ecosystem in light of the NETmundial Roadmap and the work of various forums, panels, and committees.

The public conference is being held to discuss both research in progress and, more broadly, the role of academia in the debate about the next generation Internet governance ecosystem. We will present findings from case studies, discuss the overarching

themes, and identify directions for future research.

The symposium will serve as the conclusion of the first phase of a global, collaborative Internet governance research effort within the NoC and is also intended as an initial contribution to the NETmundial Initiative -- a partnership between the World Economic Forum, ICANN, and key governmental, industry, academic, and civil society stakeholders. In addition, the event marks the two-year anniversary of NoC's operation. At this point, in accordance with the foundational principles, the Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society (HIIG) hands over the administrative leadership of the Network to the Nexa Center for Internet & Society.

Agenda | Thursday, October 2 | Public Conference
8:00 - 9:00 Registration
9:00 - 9:30 Introduction and Framing The public symposium kicks off with welcoming remarks and a framing of the event, at which current research on distributed and collaborative Internet governance will be discussed, but also used as an example and 'placeholder' to examine more broadly the role academia can or should play as we work towards the next generation Internet ecosystem.
Welcoming Remarks
Framing the (Research) Challenge: In Search of A Concept of Distributed and Collaborative Internet Governance
9:30 - 10:30 Top-Down: Architecting Distributed Governance Systems - Theories, Approaches, and Designs The NETmundial Roadmap and subsequent reports and events, including the recently launched NETmundial Initiative, emphasize the importance of 'distributed and collaborative Internet governance.' Exploring theories, approaches, and designs from within and outside the field of Internet governance, this panel addresses the question what it means conceptually to design and architect such distributed systems.
10:30 - 10:45 Coffee Break
10:45 - 12:00 Bottom-Up: Insights and Inspiration from Real-World Case Studies Still focusing on the concept of 'distributed and collaborative Internet governance,' the second panel will look at the phenomenonâ€"complementary to the first oneâ€"from a bottom-up angle: What are real-world examples of governance models and mechanisms that might inform, inspire, or even guide the evolution of a distributed and collaborative Internet governance ecosystem? What are the lessons learned from ongoing research on such models, but also what are the limitations and knowledge gaps?
12:00 - 13:15 Building Blocks and Toolkits for Distributed IG Models Moving from conceptual to practical issues, this session will highlight in a series of brief statements, followed by open discussion, a number of tools, platforms, and best practices that are aimed at supporting the formation, operation, and performance of distributed and collaborative Internet governance models, groups, and mechanisms.
13:30 - 15:00 Lunch
15:00 - 16:45 Linking it Back: The Role of Academia vis-a-vis the Quest for a Next Generation Internet Governance Ecosystem - Research, Education, Capacity Building Reflecting on the previous sessions and linking it back to the framing of the day, this final panel takes two steps back and explores the role of academia in the discussion about the future Internet governance ecosystem. Issues to cover include not only questions related to research, but also related aspects such as teaching and educating about Internet governance, or capacity building in the Global South.
16:45 - 17:00 Coffee break
17:00 - 18:00 Keynote In lieu of a conclusion, Science Fiction Author Bruce Sterling will share in a keynote speech his reflections on the topics covered during the day.
Final remarks
18:00 - 19:00 Drinks/Networking

About the Global Network of Interdisciplinary Internet & Society Research Centers

The Global Network of Interdisciplinary Internet & Society Research Centers is a collaborative initiative among academic institutions with a focus on interdisciplinary research on the development, social impact, policy implications, and legal issues concerning the Internet. This collective aims to increase interoperability between participating centers in order to stimulate the creation of new cross-national, cross-disciplinary conversation, debate, teaching, learning, and engagement regarding the most pressing questions around new technologies, social change, and related policy and regulatory developments. For more information, including announcements of events on the future of Internet governance, please visit this site.

See the Nexa Center events calendar if you're curious about future luncheons, discussions, lectures, and conferences not listed in this email. Our events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

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