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Governance: Assessments and Prospects

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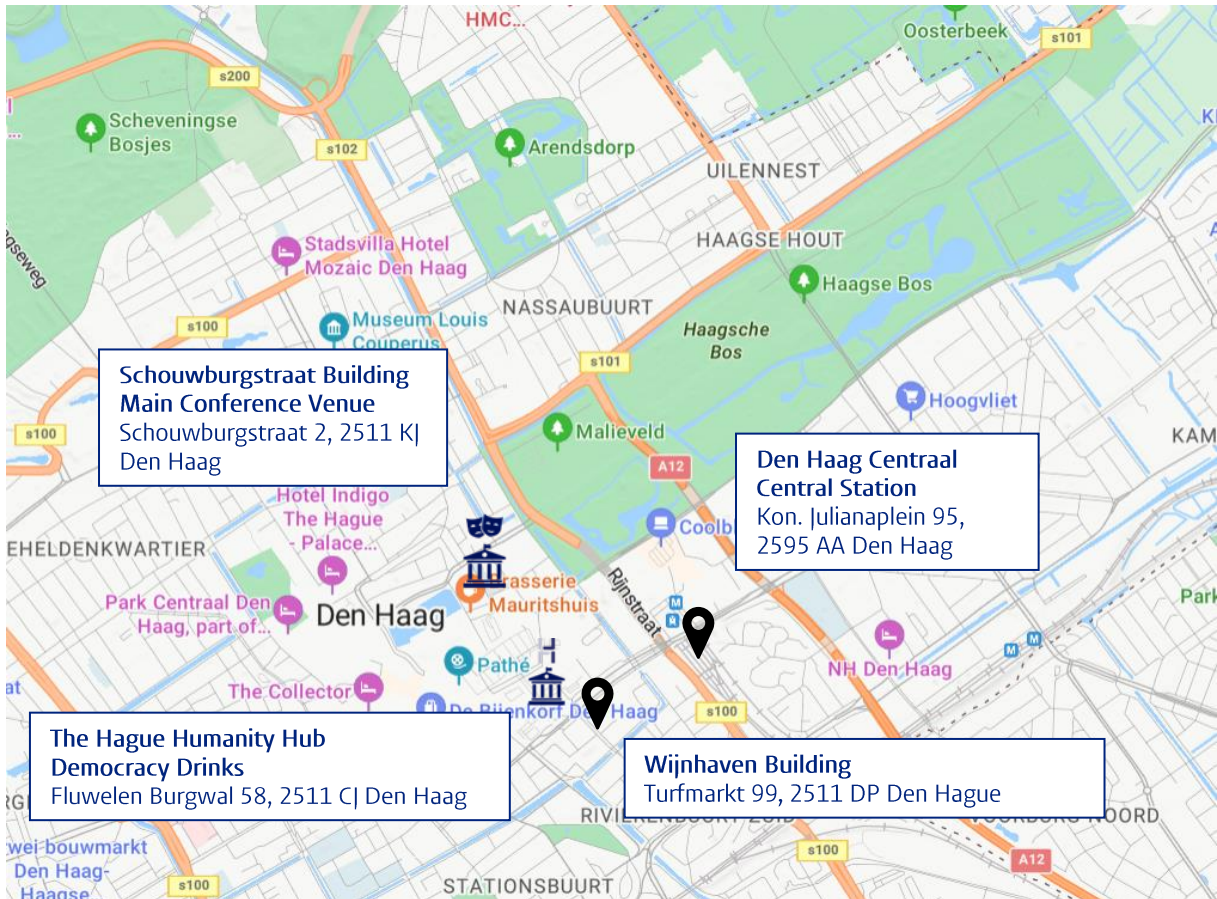
SYNOPSIS

The GIG-ARTS (Global Internet Governance: Actors, Regulations, Transactions and Strategies) conference is an annual multidisciplinary academic venue to present and discuss developments in global internet governance and their implications in and beyond this field of research.

Previous GIG-ARTS Conferences have addressed themes of “Global Internet Governance as a Diplomacy Issue” (Paris, 2017), “Overcoming Inequalities in Internet Governance” (Cardiff, 2018), “Europe as a Global Player in Internet Governance” (Salerno, 2019), “Online Information Governance” (Vienna, 2021), “Global Internet Governance and International Human Rights” (Nicosia, 2022), and “Governance of Cyber Security” (Padua, 2023).

The Eighth GIG-ARTS Conference, to be held at The Hague Campus of Leiden University, takes as its main theme “Thirty Years of Multistakeholderism in Internet Governance: Assessments and Prospects”. The multistakeholder principle has spread across governance of the internet (and other global issues) since the 1990s. After three decades of experimentation and development, how has this approach to ruling the internet fared? What promises have been fulfilled, and what problems persist? How can and should multistakeholder governance of the internet be taken forward into the future?

LOCATIONS MAP



Distances from the Schouwburgstraat Building:

The Hague Humanity Hub
300 m from Schouwburgstraat (4 min walk)

Den Haag Centraal
600 m from Schouwburgstraat (8 min walk)

Wijnhaven Building
350 m from Schouwburgstraat (5 min walk)

OUTLINE SCHEDULE

MONDAY 3 JUNE 2024

12:30-13:00	Registration
13:00-13:30	Welcome
13:30-14:30	Keynote Speech: The Multistakeholder Approach in Internet Governance 30 Years On: Cornerstone or Achilles Heel?
14:30-16:00	Paper Panel Session 1: Assessing the Multistakeholder Model
16:00-16:30	Break
16:30-18:00	Roundtable 1: Policymaker Experiences of Multistakeholderism
18:00-19:30	Reception Wijnhaven Brasserie
20:30	Evening Social Miss Maui Beach House

TUESDAY 4 JUNE 2024

09:00-10:30	Paper Panel Session 2: Multistakeholderism in the Global South
10:30-11:00	Break
11:00-12:00	Keynote Speech: The Power to Govern Ourselves: (Multi)Stakeholders, States and Collective Action
12:00-13:00	Lunch: Reflections on Multistakeholder Experiences in Other Policy Fields
13:00-14:30	Roundtable 2: Regional Perspectives on Multistakeholderism
14:30-15:45	Paper Panel Session 3: Multistakeholderism and Digital Sovereignty
15:45-16:00	Break
16:00-17:15	Paper Panel Session 4: Geopolitics of Internet Governance
17:30-19:30	Reception Democracy Drinks: New Ways of Democracy in Internet Governance

DETAILED SCHEDULE

MONDAY 3 JUNE 2024

12:30-13:00 Registration

13:00-13:30 Welcome

- Meryem Marzouki and Mauro Santaniello, GIG-ARTS Conference Series
- Jan Aart Scholte, Global Transformations and Governance Challenges
- Dennis Broeders, The Hague Program on International Cyber Security

13:30-14:30 **Keynote Speech: The Multistakeholder Approach in Internet Governance 30 Years On: Cornerstone or Achilles Heel?**

Speaker: Anriette Esterhuysen, Association for Progressive Communications
Moderator: Meryem Marzouki, Global Internet Governance & Digital Rights Expert

14:30-16:00 **Paper Panel Session 1: Assessing the Multistakeholder Model**

- **The “Big Tech-Big Power Politics Archives”**
Malcolm Campbell-Verduyn and Marianne Franklin, *University of Groningen*
- **Multistakeholder Global Governance at ICANN: A Cross-Level Analysis of Legitimacy**
Hortense Jongen, *Free University Amsterdam*; Jan Aart Scholte, *Leiden University*
- **Too Many Cooks Spoil the Broth: When Multistakeholderism Hampers Accountability**
Triantafyllos Kouloufakos, *KU Leuven*
- **Assessing Multistakeholder Governance of Content: Comparative Analysis of the Christchurch Call and the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism**
Jyoti Panday, *Georgia Institute of Technology*
- **Exploring Digital Constitutionalist Advocacy Coalitions in the Global Multistakeholder Internet Governance (1992-2023)**
Dennis Redeker, *University of Bremen*; Mariëlle Wijermars, *Maastricht University*; Nicola Palladino, *University of Salerno*

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 **Roundtable 1: Policymaker Experiences of Multistakeholderism**

Moderator: Tatiana Tropina, Leiden University

- Alexia González Fanfalone, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Chengetai Masango, United Nations Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
- Elena Plexida, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

- Guus van Zwooll, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Hu Xianhong, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Olaf Kolkman, Internet Society (ISOC)

18:00-19:30 Reception Wijnhaven Brasserie, Sponsored by ICANN
Location: Turfmarkt 99, 2511 DP The Hague

20:30 Evening Social Miss Maui Beach House, Sponsored by ICANN
Location: Strand Noord 37-38, 2586 ZZ The Hague



TUESDAY 4 JUNE 2024

09:00-10:30 Paper Panel Session 2: Multistakeholderism in the Global South

- **Multistakeholderism in the Global South: A Comparative Study of AFRINIC, APNIC, and LACNIC**
Debora Irene Christine, *Tifa Foundation*; Nahema Nascimento Falleiros, *Federal University of Rio de Janeiro*; Gloria Nzeka, *University of Maryland*
- **Hybrid Multistakeholderism in Moroccan Digital Governance: A Theoretical and Empirical Investigation**
Serena Fraiese, *University of Salerno*
- **Do Elections Catalyse or Distract Multistakeholder Governance against Information Disorder? Examining the Drivers and Barriers to Sustained Co-Governance Efforts in the Post-Election Period**
Beltsazar Krisetya, *Centre for Strategic and International Studies*
- **More than a Stakeholder: A Global South Feminist Counterpublic Sphere and the Vision of a Gender Just Global Digital Compact**
Lisa McLaughlin, *Miami University*
- **Platform Advocacy and Social Media's Accountability to Dissident Voices in the Global South**
Mai Van Tran, *Free University Brussels*

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 **Keynote Speech: The Power to Govern Ourselves: (Multi)Stakeholders, States and Collective Action**

Speaker: Milton Mueller, Internet Governance Project, Georgia Institute of Technology

Moderator: Louise Marie Hurel, London School of Economics

12:00-13:00 Lunch, Reflections on Multistakeholder Experiences in Other Policy Fields

- Josh Brem-Wilson, Coventry University (on food)
- Mao Suzuki, National University of Singapore (on health)

13:00-14:30 **Roundtable 2: Regional Perspectives on Multistakeholderism**

Moderator: Mauro Santaniello, University of Salerno

- Carolina Aguerre, Universidad Católica del Uruguay – Latin America
- Fiona Asonga, Technology Service Providers of Kenya (TESPOK) – Africa
- Nibal Idlebi, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) – Middle East
- Nadia Tjahja, United Nations University-Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS) – Europe
- Yang Fan, Xiamen University – East Asia

14:30-15:45 **Paper Panel Session 3: Multistakeholderism and Digital Sovereignty**

- **(Cyber-) Sovereignty Discourse within the Internet Governance Forum**
Christopher Eglinton and Dmitry Epstein, *Hebrew University of Jerusalem*
- **Global Internet Governance: The Follies of Internet Freedom, Multistakeholderism, and the Rise of Sovereignty Discourse and Digital Constitutionalism**
Neelesh Maheshwari, *South Asian University*
- **Infrastructural Sanctions, the War in Ukraine, and EU Digital Sovereignty**
Niels ten Oever, *University of Amsterdam*; Clément Perarnaud, *Brussels School of Governance*; John Kristoff, *University of Illinois Chicago*; Max Resing, *University of Twente*; Moritz Müller, *University of Twente*; Arturo Filastò, *Open Observatory of Network Interference (OONI)*; Cris Kanich, *University of Illinois Chicago*
- **From Multistakeholderism to Digital Sovereignty: Towards a New Discursive Order in Internet Governance?**
Julia Pohle, *Berlin Social Science Center*; Mauro Santaniello, *University of Salerno*

15:45-16:00 Break

16:00-17:15 **Paper Panel Session 4: Geopolitics of Internet Governance**

- **Shades of Digital-Cyber Sovereignty: A Multilayer Analysis of the China-US Cyber Rivalry**
Giacomo Bruni, *Peace Research Institute Oslo*
- **Hollow Multilateralism: How Autocracies Contest Norms and Procedures of International Organizations**
Daniëlle Flonk, *Hitotsubashi University*; Maria J. Debre, *Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen*
- **The Securitization of Data Flows in the Context of Sino-American Relations: Potential Impact on Internet Fragmentation**
Marilia Maciel, *Diplo Foundation*

- **Privacy Framing in Legislative Hearings after Cambridge Analytica: Analysis of Stakeholders and Discourses**
Dmitry Epstein, *Hebrew University of Jerusalem*; Rotem Medzini, *University of Birmingham*

17:30-19:30 Reception Democracy Drinks, Sponsored by ICANN
New Ways of Democracy in Internet Governance



Location: Hague Humanity Hub, Fluwelen Burgwal 58, 2511 CJ The Hague
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Jamal Shahin, Free University of Brussels
Moderator: Jan Aart Scholte, Leiden University

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