

## MA New Media and Society in Europe

# Internet Censorship, Control and Governance

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Course description:

In 1996 John Barlow wrote his Declaration of Independence of Cyberspace. The Internet would not be controlled by governments or the industry, it would be governed by the Internet community itself. That multistakeholder aspiration remains, but seems far off now.

Governments regulate and control the Internet in different policy fields and have started to question the suitability of early rules passed in the 2000s in today's online environment. In a policy environment that seems to evolve from data leaks and security threats to disinformation and health emergencies, tech companies have been requested and have taken on an active role in moderating content, impacting our opportunities for expression on a daily basis.

This bears the question: what is Internet governance, which principles guide policy and tech development, who has effective control, and what role should the Internet community play?

This course introduces students to Internet censorship, control and governance. It gives an overview of select international institutions governing the Internet and focuses on current policy debates in Internet governance, related to content moderation in particular. It discusses select central themes, such as digital sovereignty, censorship, and freedom of expression, disinformation and distrust, artificial intelligence and tech regulation, cyber diplomacy and norms.

After taking this course, students should demonstrate a critical understanding of:

- Founding guiding principles, state of affairs and discussions on the future of Internet governance
- Role, functioning of and challenges facing institutions involved in Internet governance

- Interactions between government, industry and civil society and principles guiding international policy debates related to Internet governance

Course time: Wednesday, 09:00-11:00

Course location: D2.10

Please always check the [VUB timetable](#) and the Canvas course announcements in advance, as this is subject to change.

Please take note in the course schedule below that the sessions might still swap weeks. Canvas modules will list the up-to-date order of topics.

Course schedule:

Week	Date	Topic	Additional information / invited speaker
1	21 Sep	<i>No class</i>	<i>VUB welcome week</i>
2	28 Sep	Introduction. Theorizing Internet governance	
3	05 Oct	Internet governance institutions	Orsolya Gulyás
4	12 Oct	Disinformation and distrust	Samuel Cipers
5	19 Oct	Trustworthiness of Artificial Intelligence	<i>Submit group paper topic and question on Canvas (19/10, 23:59)</i>  Carlos Entrena Serrano and Ana Fernandez Inguanzo
6	26 Oct	Online censorship	Leo Van Audenhove
7	2 Nov	<i>No class</i>	<i>Work on group paper</i>
8	09 Nov	Digital sovereignty	Orsolya Gulyás and Jamal Shahin
9	16 Nov	<i>Group paper presentations</i>	<i>Submit group presentation on Canvas (15/11, 23:59), present in class (16/11)</i>
10	23 Nov	Platform governance	Nathalie Van Raemdonck
11	28 Nov-02 Dec	<i>Internet Governance Forum</i>	<i>Register in advance and attend at least 2 sessions (online)</i>
12	7 Dec	Cyber diplomacy and norms	Michael Van Aendenhof
13	14 Dec	Sustainable development goals and digital governance	Nadia Tjahja
14	21 Dec	Conclusion. Future of Internet governance	<i>Submit group paper on Canvas (21/12, 23:59)</i>

Compulsory course readings (per week):

### **Introduction. Theorizing Internet governance**

- Kurbalija, J. (2016) *An Introduction to Internet Governance*. Geneva: DiploFoundation. Introduction. (pp. 5-16 and [browse](#) pp. 17-32)
- DeNardis, L. (2014) *The Global War for Internet Governance*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press. Chapter 1. The Internet Governance Oxymoron. (pp. 1-25)

- Ziewitz, M. and Brown, I. (2013) A Pre-History of Internet Governance. In Brown, I. (Ed.). *Research Handbook on Governance of the Internet*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar. (pp. 3-26)

### Internet governance institutions

- Kurbalija, J. (2016) *An Introduction to Internet Governance*. Geneva: DiploFoundation. Internet Governance Actors. (pp. 225-244)
- Shahin, J. (2010) The Role of the International Telecommunication Union. *Wereldbeeld: Tijdschrift van de Vereniging voor de Verenigde Naties* 34(154) 11-16.
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- ICANN (2013) *What Does ICANN Do?* Available at: <https://youtu.be/IJY5xJKPhjA> (watch)
- LACNIC and ICANN (2014) *What You Need to Know About IANA*. Available at: <https://youtu.be/Lk5j25nmZKY> (watch)

### Disinformation and distrust

- Van Raemdonck, N. & Meyer, T. (in press) Why Disinformation is Here to Stay. A Socio-Technical Analysis of Disinformation as a Hybrid Threat. In L. Lonardo (Ed). *Addressing Hybrid Threats: European Law and Policies*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar. Available at: <https://researchportal.vub.be/en/publications/why-disinformation-is-here-to-stay-a-socio-technical-analysis-of->
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### Trustworthiness of Artificial Intelligence

- Coeckelbergh, M. (2020) Artificial Intelligence, Responsibility Attribution, and a Relational Justification of Explainability. *Science and Engineering Ethics* 26(4) 2051–2068. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11948-019-00146-8>
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- Mann, M. and Matzner, T. (2019) Challenging Algorithmic Profiling: The Limits of Data Protection and Anti-Discrimination in Responding to Emergent Discrimination. *Big Data & Society* 6(2) 2053951719895805. Available at: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053951719895805>

### Censorship

- Roberts, M. (2018) *Censored. Distraction and Diversion Inside China's Great Firewall*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Chapter 2 (pp. 21-92)
- Freedom on the Net (2021) *The Global Drive to Control Big Tech*. Available at: <https://freedomhouse.org/report/freedom-net/2021/global-drive-control-big-tech> (browse)
- Freedom on the Net (2020) *The Pandemic's Digital Shadow*. Available at: <https://freedomhouse.org/report/freedom-net/2020/pandemics-digital-shadow> (browse)

### Digital sovereignty

- Obendiek, A. (2021) *Take Back Control? Digital Sovereignty and a Vision for Europe*. Hertie School Jacques Delors Centre (May 2021). Available at: <https://www.delorscentre.eu/en/publications/detail/publication/take-back-control-digital-sovereignty-and-a-vision-for-europe>
- Pohle, J. and Thiel, T. (2020) Digital Sovereignty. *Internet Policy Review* 9(4) 1-19. Available at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.14763/2020.4.1532>

### Platform governance

- ~~Gillespie, T. (2018) *Custodians of the Internet. Platforms, Content Moderation, and the Hidden Decisions that Shape Social Media*. New Haven: Yale University Press. Chapter 8. What Platforms Are, and What They Should Be. (pp. 197-213)~~
- Helberger, N., Pierson, J. & Poell, T. (2018) Governing Online Platforms: From Contested to Cooperative Responsibility. *The Information Society* 34(1) 1–14.

### Cyber diplomacy and norms

- Barrinha, A., & Renard, T. (2017) Cyber-Diplomacy: The Making of an International Society in the Digital Age. *Global Affairs*, 3(4-5) 353-364.
- Meyer, P. (2020) Norms of Responsible State Behaviour in Cyberspace. In: Christen, M., B. Gordijn and M. Loi (Eds) *The Ethics of Cybersecurity*. The International Library of Ethics, Law and Technology, vol 21. Cham: Springer. Available at: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-29053-5\\_18](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-29053-5_18) (pp. 347-360)

### Sustainable development goals and digital governance

- ~~Global Commission on Internet Governance (2016) *One Internet*. Centre for International Governance Innovation and Chatham House. Available at: [https://www.cigionline.org/sites/default/files/gcig\\_final\\_report\\_-\\_with\\_cover.pdf](https://www.cigionline.org/sites/default/files/gcig_final_report_-_with_cover.pdf) Preface and The Essentials. (pp. i-ix - browse)~~
- ~~UN Secretary General's High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation (2019) *The Age of Digital Interdependence*. Geneva: United Nations. Executive Summary. Available at: <https://www.un.org/en/pdfs/DigitalCooperation-report-for%20web.pdf> (pp. 4-6 - browse)~~
- Internet Society (2015) *The Internet and Sustainable Development*. <https://www.internetsociety.org/resources/doc/2015/the-internet-and-sustainable-development/>
- Global SDG Indicator Platform. <https://sdg.tracking-progress.org/> (browse 4.4.1 Proportion of Youths and Adults with Information and Communications Technology skills; 5.b.1 Mobile Telephone Ownership (female); 17.6.2 Fixed Internet Broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants; 17.8.1 Individuals using the internet)

### Conclusion. Future of Internet governance

- Radu, R. (2019) *Negotiating Internet Governance*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Chapter 7. Conclusion. Reflections on a Global Issue Domain. Available at: <https://oxford.universitypressscholarship.com/view/10.1093/oso/9780198833079.001.001/oso-9780198833079-chapter-7> (pp. 191-204)

Recommended course readings:

These readings are a carefully curated list of highly relevant insights, specific to each week's topic. They will be helpful in gaining a deeper understanding of Internet censorship, control and governance as well as being a gateway for the research paper assignment.

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- Barrinha, A., & Renard, T. (2017) Cyber-Diplomacy: The Making of an International Society in the Digital Age. *Global Affairs*, 3(4-5) 353-364.
- Benkler, Y., Faris, R. & Roberts, H. (2018) *Network Propaganda. Manipulation, Disinformation, and Radicalization in American Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Bennett, W. L., & Livingston, S. (Eds.). (2020). *The Disinformation Age: Politics, Technology, and Disruptive Communication in the United States*. Cambridge University Press.
- Bhandari, A., & Bimo, S. (2022). Why's Everyone on TikTok Now? The Algorithmized Self and the Future of Self-Making on Social Media. *Social Media + Society* 8(1) 20563051221086240. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1177/20563051221086241>
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- Brousseau, E., Marzouki, M. and Méadel, C. (2012) *Governance, Regulations and Powers on the Internet*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Brown, D., Esterhuysen, A. & Kumar, S. (2019) *Unpacking the GGE's Framework on Responsible State Behaviour: Cyber Norms*. Association for Progressive Communications and Global Partners Digital. Available at: <https://www.apc.org/sites/default/files/UnpackingGGG CyberNorms.pdf>
- Brown, I. (Ed.) (2013) *Research Handbook on Governance of the Internet*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
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- Coeckelbergh, M. (2020). *AI Ethics*. MIT Press. Cambridge, MA: <https://doi.org/10.7551/mitpress/12549.001.0001>
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- Creemers, R. (2020) China's Conception of Cyber Sovereignty. In Broeders, D. & B. Berg (Eds.) *Governing Cyberspace: Behavior, Power and Diplomacy* (pp. 107–145). Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.
- Deibert, R. (2014) *Black Code: Inside the Battle for Cyberspace*. Toronto: McClelland & Stewart.
- DeNardis, L. (2014) *The Global War for Internet Governance*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
- DeNardis, L., Cogburn, D., Levinson, N. and Musiani, F. (Eds.) (2020) *Researching Internet Governance: Methods, Frameworks, Futures*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. Available at: <https://direct.mit.edu/books/book/4936/Researching-Internet-GovernanceMethods-Frameworks>
- Drake, W. and Wilson III, E. (Eds.) (2008) *Governing Global Electronic Networks: International Perspectives on Policy and Power*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

- Epstein, D. (2013) The Making of Institutions of Information Governance: The Case of the Internet Governance Forum. *Journal of Information Technology* 28(2) 137–49.
- Floridi, L. (2020) The Fight for Digital Sovereignty: What It Is, and Why It Matters, especially for the EU. *Philosophy & Technology* 33 369–378. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13347-020-00423-6>
- Falkner, G., Heidebrecht, S., Obendiek, A. and Seidl, T. (2022). *Digital Sovereignty – Rhetoric and Reality*. Paper presented at the online conference (28-29 April 2022).
- Gagliardone, I. (2019) *China, Africa, and the Future of the Internet*. London: ZED.
- Gillespie, T. (2018) Regulation of and by Platforms. In Burgess, J., Marwick, A. & Poell, T. (Eds.) *The SAGE Handbook of Social Media*. London: SAGE. (pp. 254–78)
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- Haggart, B., Tusikov, N. and Scholte, J.A. (Eds.) (2021) *Power and Authority in Internet Governance. Return of the State?* London: Routledge.
- Helberger, N., Pierson, J. & Poell, T. (2018) Governing Online Platforms: From Contested to Cooperative Responsibility. *The Information Society* 34(1) 1–14.
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- Michlin-Shapir, V. (2020). The Long Decade of Disinformation. A Review Essay. *Defence Strategic Communications* 9 17-33. Available at: <https://stratcomcoe.org/publications/the-long-decade-of-disinformation/13>

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Course assessment:

The final grade will be based on a combination of a group presentation and paper in class (25%) and an individual oral exam (75%).

The group assignment (25%) consists of a literature review and a case study on a research topic related to Internet Censorship, Control and Governance. Students form groups of 3 students and submit their topic + question by Wednesday 19 October, 23:59 (Week 5). Students will present their work in class on Wednesday 16 November, 09:00-11:00 (Week 9) and finally submit their paper by Wednesday 21 December, 23:59 (Week 14). The presentation and the paper are both worth 12.5% of the final grade. The group is assessed collectively, with feedback provided on the research topic, presentation and paper.

The individual oral exam (75%) consists of two initial exam questions with related follow-up questions. Students are allowed to briefly prepare their responses to the initial exam questions at the start of the exam. For the oral exam, students need to process all course material (reading material, slides, lecture notes) – from Week 1 through Week 14. Knowledge and insights gained from attending IGF sessions are complementary, not compulsory for the oral exam.