Global Internet Governance: An Interdisciplinary Research Field in Construction

A GigaNet workshop, organized in cooperation with GDR TICS and DEL Networks

Paris, 23 June 2008 Morning

Preliminary Announcement and Call for Contributions

The Global Internet Governance Academic Network (GigaNet) invites you to participate in a scholar workshop to be held in Paris, France, on the morning of June 23rd. This workshop is organized in cooperation with two main French pluridisciplinary networks of scholars in Internet-related studies: the ICT and Society (GDR TICS) and Electronic Democracy (DEL) Networks.

The purpose of the workshop, the first of its sort, is to allow scholars involved in Internet Governance-related research to describe their ongoing research projects to other scholars in the field, in order to share ideas, forge possible collaborations, and identify emerging research themes in the field. Scholars from various academic disciplines and all regions of the world are welcome to contribute to this reflexive exercise, with the long-term objective of collectively building this interdisciplinary research field.

What is global Internet governance and what it is not? Are there any differences in the way this process is understood, defined and implemented in different regions of the world? Is it sensitive to political and cultural backgrounds and traditions, and if so to which extent and in which ways? How is Internet governance different from, and related to, global governance of other information and communication technologies? What could be the invariants of a global governance process, irrespective of the domain area it addresses? What are the national and regional projects and networks currently pursuing research on Global Internet Governance? Is there any academic syllabus or other education program dedicated to these issues? These are among the many questions to be discussed by the workshop participants.

Please send to the workshop organizing committee chair, Meryem Marzouki (Meryem.Marzouki@lip6.fr) by April 15, 2008, your name, affiliation, e-mail address and CV along with no more than 500 words describing your ongoing projects. Rather than featuring academic paper presentations, the workshop aims at providing a survey of current academic activities in the field of global Internet governance. Invitees selected by the organizing committee for participation at round-table discussions will be notified by May 15, 2008.

Attendance to the workshop is free and open to all interested parties.

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NOTE

GigaNet will hold its third annual Symposium in India, in conjunction with the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). The call for papers will be issued by end March 2008.

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