

Governance of the Domain Name System and the Future Internet: Legal, Economic and Political Challenges

**8–9th September 2014
Gamle Logen, Grev Wedels plass, Oslo**

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Day 1 – Monday 8th September 2014

0915 Coffee / tea / fruit

0945 **Welcome:**

Lee A. Bygrave (University of Oslo (UiO))

Morning session: Law and economics of DNS governance

Chair and moderator: **Lee A. Bygrave**

1000 **New gTLDs: Legal and economic issues**

Tobias Mahler (UiO)

The presentation assesses the ongoing expansion of the gTLD namespace, focusing on the gains and losses it causes for various stakeholders. The assessment treats the expansion not simply as a legal regulatory problem but attempts also to canvass it in economic terms, as a market for products and services, subject to economic laws of supply and demand.

1045 Coffee / tea / fruit

1100 **Institutional life-cycles in ccTLD governance: Lessons from the case of .au**

John Selby (Macquarie University, Australia)

Applying a model based on New Institutional Economics, the presentation examines the governance of the .au ccTLD, particularly in its early years of operation, and thereafter considers the lessons that the case study offers for stakeholders in other jurisdictions

1145 Panel discussion based on presentations by Mahler and Selby

Chair and moderator: **Arild Færaas** (Aftenposten) [TBC]

Panellists: **Nigel Hickson** (ICANN)

Hege Ossletten (Norid AS)

Steinar Grøtterød (Steinar Grøtterød Consult AS) [TBC]

John Selby

Tobias Mahler

1300 Lunch

Afternoon session: Internet governance by contract

Chair and moderator: **Kåre Lilleholt** (UiO) [TBC]

1345 **DNS governance by contract: its rationale, utility and legitimacy**
Lee A Bygrave (UiO)

1430 **Contract and user empowerment**
Emily Weitzenboeck (UiO)

1515 Coffee / tea / fruit

1530 **Contractual aspects of online consumer protection**
Christiana Markou (European University, Cyprus)

1615 Discussion of presentations by Bygrave, Weitzenboeck and Markou
Lead commentator: **Karin Sein** (University of Tartu)

Day 2 – Tuesday 9th September 2014

0915 Coffee / tea / fruit

Morning session: Internet governance policy development

Chair and moderator: **Francis Medeiros** (UiO)

0945 **Recent policy initiatives: A whirlwind but critical tour**
William Drake (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva)

1045 Coffee / tea / fruit

1100 Discussion of presentation by Drake
Lead commentator: **Chris Marsden** (Sussex University)

1200 Lunch

Afternoon session (i): Aspects of the human rights dimension in Internet governance

Chair and moderator: **Samson Esayas** (UiO)

1245 **The international and transnational politics of governance of online expression**
Ben Wagner (University of Pennsylvania)

1330 **Privacy post-Snowden**
Ian Brown (OII)

1415 Discussion of presentations by Wagner and Brown
Lead commentator: **Sophie Kwasny** or **Lee Hibbard** (Council of Europe) [TBC]

1500 Coffee / tea / fruit

Afternoon session (ii): Aspects of the economic dimension in Internet governance

Chair and moderator: **Kevin McGillivray** (UiO)

1520 **The role of the World Trade Organization in Internet governance**

Mira Burri (University of Bern)

1600 **Net neutrality, privacy and innovative business models**

Jonathan Cave (University of Warwick)

1640 Discussion

1700 Conference close