



Swiss Internet Governance Forum

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Sessions 1, 3, 5 and 7 will be simultaneously translated into German, French and English on site at Welle7 and online in Zoom. Unfortunately, simultaneous translation is not possible for sessions 2, 4, 6 and 8; basic knowledge of German, French and English is assumed for participation there.

Conference chair and overall moderation: Livia Walpen ([OFCOM International Relations](#)) and Jacques Beglinger ([Beglinger LPC](#)), Swiss IGF Co-Secretariat

	Previous day 12.6.2023 Swiss Youth IGF
08:30-09:00	Registration (Welle 7, Bern) and login
09:00-09:15	Opening session (Eventraum) With Bernard Maissen, Director of the Federal Office of Communications (OFCOM)
	Parallel sessions
09:15-10:30	Session 1: Digital governance and the multistakeholder approach in 2023: a new reality? (Eventraum) In the face of a more hostile geopolitical environment and more state involvement in digital governance, long-standing institutions such as an open and harmonised internet or the multistakeholder approach to digital governance are increasingly under pressure. Which issues are particularly important for the internet and digital governance this year and where and how will they be negotiated? <u>Input:</u> Konstantinos Komaitis (Lisbon Council), Stephanie Borg Psaila (DiploFoundation), Pascal Fouquet (Piratenpartei), Johannes Fritz (Digital Policy Alert) <u>Moderation:</u> Nicolas Zahn (Digital expert, f0t1 GmbH) <u>Coordination:</u> Nicolas Zahn (Digital expert, f0t1 GmbH), Markus Kummer (ISOC CH) ➔ More information on Session 1
09:15-10:30	Session 2: Fundamental rights and ethics in the digital age (Raum 3.14) In this session on fundamental rights and ethics, learn from renowned experts how fundamental and human rights based on human dignity and personal freedom can be realised in the digital era. Topics such as the blurring of the real and virtual worlds and its impact on fundamental rights, digital discrimination, ethical guidelines for the digital age and legal options for protecting victims of digital violence or discrimination will be discussed. In addition, it will be discussed what contributions Switzerland can make to a global set of rules for the protection of international human rights.



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	<p><u>Input:</u> Peter Kirchsclaeger (Director of the Institute of Social Ethics ISE, University Lucerne), Anne-Marie Buzatu (ICT for Peace), Benedikt Wechsler (FDFA)</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> Evelyne Tauchnitz (Institute of Social Ethics ISE, University Lucerne), Isabelle Lois (OFCOM)</p> <p><u>Coordination:</u> Evelyne Tauchnitz (Institute of Social Ethics ISE, University Lucerne)</p> <p>➔ More information on Session 2</p>
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:00	<p>Session 3: Data Policy: Understanding Data as a Commons (Eventraum)</p> <p>How should the framework conditions for data ecosystems be designed so that all stakeholders can benefit – to which end can a “framework law for the secondary use of data” contribute?</p> <p><u>Input:</u> André Golliez (HSLU, National data infrastructure for tourism), Judith Bellaiche (national councillor ZH/GLP, judithbellaiche.ch)</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> Jonas Bärtschi (Swiss Data Alliance), Lara Burkhalter (BFH)</p> <p><u>Coordination:</u> Jonas Bärtschi (Swiss Data Alliance), Philippe Lionnet (SECO)</p> <p>➔ More information on Session 3</p>
10:45-12:00	<p>Session 4: Political Opinion Formation and Debates in the Digital Public Sphere - How resilient is the digital public sphere in Switzerland with regard to the election year 2023? (Raum 3.14)</p> <p>The digital structural change offers great opportunities for Swiss democracy, but also risks. Social media have made an unprecedented democratisation of the public possible, especially in the formation of political opinion. At the same time, there is growing concern that hate speech, disinformation and microtargeting are destroying or manipulating political debates.</p> <p>How can freedom of information and opinion be guaranteed in the run-up to the 2023 elections, while at the same time addressing the risks of the digital public sphere? What digital policy approaches are there?</p> <p><u>Input:</u> Sophie Achermann (Public Discourse Foundation), Florent Thouvenin (Professor Universität Zürich), Urs Bieri (Co-Leiter gfs Bern)</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> Flurina Wäspi (Stiftung Mercator Schweiz)</p> <p><u>Coordination:</u> Riccardo Ramacci (Stiftung Mercator Schweiz)</p>
12:00-13:30	<p>Lunch break</p> <p>Lunch at Welle 7</p>
13:30-14:45	<p>Session 5: Artificial Intelligence: How to regulate? (Eventraum)</p> <p>The rapid progress of AI is leading to notable achievements such as ChatGPT, the sophisticated language model. This presents citizens and governments worldwide with the dual challenge of harnessing the potential of AI while mitigating its risks. Together with members of the National Council, we will discuss the AI Act of the EU, the AI Convention of the Council of Europe and the role of Switzerland.</p>



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	<p><u>Input:</u> Thomas Schneider (OFCOM), Jörg Mäder (glp), Min Li Marti (SP), Gerhard Andrey (Grüne), Angela Müller (AlgorithmWatch)</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> Guillaume Gabus (digitalswitzerland)</p> <p><u>Coordination:</u> Guillaume Gabus (digitalswitzerland), David Marti (Pour Demain)</p> <p>➔ More information on Session 5</p>
13:30-14:45	<p>Session 6: Digital Currency, Digital Identity, and the Metaverse (Raum 3.14)</p> <p>Digital currencies, electronic identities and extended existences in the metaverse are closely interlinked concepts that increasingly extend the usual physical modes of behaviour into the virtual sphere. But they change existing structures. The adaptation of new technologies is inevitably accompanied by a negotiation of shifted social balances. What about the historically fought-for preservation of privacy? What legal issues arise in spaces of collapsed jurisdictions? This session will explore the risks and opportunities of this coming transformation, with an emphasis on the issues between privacy and legal compliance, such as money laundering prevention.</p> <p><u>Input:</u> Christian Grothoff (Bern University of Applied Sciences), Anita Lamprecht (Liquid Legal Institute e.V.)</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> David M. Sommer (Zühlke engineering), Adrian Koster (NDB / MELANI)</p> <p><u>Coordination:</u> David M. Sommer (Zühlke engineering)</p> <p>➔ More information on Session 6</p>
14:45-15:00	<p>Break</p>
15:00-16:15	<p>Session 7: National platform regulation in a globalized world? (Eventraum)</p> <p>Digital services enable and facilitate communication, interaction, and transactions. At the same time, they raise questions, for example, about market dominance, about how to deal with disinformation and hate speech, and about the preservation of fundamental values. What are the possibilities for national regulation? Which regulatory aspects are unnecessary and harmful or, on the contrary, necessary? And what does the introduction of the Digital Services Act and the Digital Markets Act mean for Switzerland?</p> <p><u>Input:</u> Jurgita Miseviciute (Proton), Estelle Pannatier (AlgorithmWatch Schweiz)</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> Anna Jobin (Uni Fribourg, HIIG Berlin)</p> <p><u>Coordination:</u> Anna Jobin (Uni Fribourg, HIIG Berlin)</p>
15:00-16:15	<p>Session 8: What are the impacts of AI on information quality and knowledge? (Raum 3.14)</p> <p>With the arrival of text and image generators directly accessible from our personal and professional computers, the question of their impact on the quality of information is becoming increasingly relevant. How can we detect and prevent the spilling of fakes and deepfakes into our information channels? What are the concrete impacts of AI on the quality of information throughout its life cycle, from the work of the journalist to that of the institutions responsible for ensuring access to information and knowledge and their preservation for future generations (libraries or archives)?</p>



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	<p><u>Input:</u> Jeannette Frey (Bibliothèque cantonale et universitaire Lausanne), Beat Estermann (Bern University of Applied Sciences), Murat Karaboga (Fraunhofer Institut), Catherine Gilbert (Keystone-ATS)</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> Sindy Schmiegel Werner (swiss academies of arts and sciences), Amélie Vallotton (bibliosuisse)</p> <p><u>Coordination:</u> Amélie Vallotton (bibliosuisse), Laetitia Ramelet (TA-SWISS)</p> <p>➔ More information on Session 8</p>
16:15-16:30	Break
16:30-16:45	Presentation of the "Swiss Youth Messages" (Eventraum) The Swiss Youth IGF presents the "Youth Messages" that were adopted the day before at the first Swiss Youth IGF. They will also be forwarded to the global Youth IGF and the European Youth IGF.
16:45-17:15	Wrap-up & and adoption of the "Messages from Berne" (Eventraum) The "Messages from Berne" summarise the main points of the sessions at the Swiss IGF 2023 in a short, concise and neutral way. They will then be submitted to the global UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and the European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG) to feed into the discussions in these forums.
17:15	End of the conference