Internet Governance Course Outline, Autumn 2013 – JUS 5680

Please see the lecture hours and rooms in the schedule published on the course website for JUS5680.

The lecturers are:

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Date	Lecture	Issues	Reading	Lect urer
30.08.	Introduction to Internet Governance	• History of Internet development • Defining features of Internet • Relationship to other networks and concepts	Bygrave & Bing, Ch. 1	JB
05.---06.09.	Academic Symposium (registration required!)	IGOV2 Symposium 2013: Governance of the Domain Name System and the Future Internet. For program and registration see http://www.jus.uio.no/ifp/english/research/projects/nrccl/internet---governance/events/igov2---symposium---2013.html		
13.09.	Domain Name System and ICANN	• Overview of DNS and principal bodies involved, with particular focus on ICANN	Bygrave & Bing, Ch. 5 Froomkin, "Almost Free: An Analysis of ICANN's 'Affirmation of Commitments'"	EW
19.09.	Announcement (in Fronter)	• The question for the home exam will be announced		
20.09.	Development of Core Internet Standards – Players and Processes	• Overview of governance forms • Overview of principal actors involved (IETF, W3C etc.) • RFC process – "rough consensus and running code"	Bygrave & Bing, Ch. 2---4	EW
27.09.	Domain Name Dispute Resolution – UDRP, Trade Marks and Beyond	• Dispute resolution schemes, with particular focus on UDRP. • Role of ordinary law, with particular focus on trademark law	Bygrave & Bing, Ch. 5 Mueller, Ch. 7 UDRP Policy	TM
03.10.	Submission Deadline (Fronter)	Preliminary draft of term paper		
04.10.	New Generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs)	• Application and evaluation process • Objection procedure	ICANN, Applicant Guidebook (latest version)	TM

		• Overview of rights protection mechanisms		
11.10.	New gTLDs continued	• Public policy issues (law enforcement, consumer protection, sensitive names and regulated sectors) • The role of the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) in shaping gTLD policy	Recent material to be distributed (the process is on‑‑‑going)	TM
25.10.	Essay Workshop	Work‑‑‑in‑‑‑progress discussion on the IG Term Paper; includes tips on how to write a good paper (eventually, a thesis)		EW+ TM
01.11.	Global Internet Governance and Public International Law	World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) and Internet Governance Forum (IGF) • History of WSIS process • Impact and likely outcomes of WSIS/IGF The roles of International Organizations • UN (ECOSOC), The Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) • The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) • Council of Europe	Bygrave & Bing, Ch. 6 Mueller, Ch. 8‑‑‑ 11 Council of Europe, Ad‑‑‑hoc Advisory Group on Cross‑‑‑border Internet, Draft elements for a framework of general principles of internet governance and duties of States with respect to the protection of critical internet resources in a cross‑‑‑border context	TM
08.11.	Enforcement Through the DNS	• Registry Agreements • Registrar Accreditation Agreement • Reform of WHOIS • Domain name takedowns	New gTLD Registry Agreement (also available here) Registrar Accreditation Agreement Material published by Expert Working Group on gTLD Directory Services	TM
22.11.	Debate	Students debate a specific Internet governance issue (TBA)		EW+ TM
29.11.	Summing Up	Interactive revision of legal issues in Internet governance, with specific relevance for term paper	All	TM
See web	Deadline for Submission of Term Paper			