

JUS5680 - Autumn 2014

Internet Governance Course Outline (version 06 August 2014)

Please see the lecture hours and rooms in the schedule published on the course website. The lecturers are:

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Date	Lecture	Issues	Reading	Lecturer
27. Aug.	Introduction to Internet Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course overview• History of Internet development• Defining features of Internet• Relationship to other networks and concepts	Bygrave & Bing, Ch. 1	TM
3. Sep.	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'"	LB
8.-9. Sep.	Academic Symposium (<i>registration required!</i>)	IGOV2 Symposium 2014: Governance of the Domain Name System and the Future Internet. For program and registration see link	Please remember to register!	
10. Sep.	Domain Name Dispute Resolution – UDRP, Trade Marks and Beyond	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
12. Sep	Announcement of mid-term paper question	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The question for the home exam will be announced		
17. Sep.	New Generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application and evaluation process• Objection procedure• Overview of rights protection mechanisms	ICANN, Applicant Guidebook (latest version)	TM
24. Sep.	Development of Core Internet Standards – Players and Processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of governance forms• Overview of principal actors involved (IETF, W3C etc.)• RFC process – “rough consensus and running code”	Bygrave & Bing, Ch. 2-4	LB
29. Sep	Submission Deadline	Preliminary draft of term paper		

8. Oct.	New gTLDs, selected policy issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
15. Oct.	Term Paper Workshop	Work-in-progress discussion on the term paper; includes tips on how to write a good paper (eventually, a thesis)		TM+ LB
29. Oct.	Global Internet Governance and Public International Law	<p>World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) and Internet Governance Forum (IGF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History from WSIS to NetMundial Impact and likely outcomes of WSIS/IGF/NetMundial <p>The roles of International Organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN (ECOSOC), The Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) 	<p>Bygrave & Bing, Ch. 6 Mueller, Ch. 8- 11</p> <p>NETmundial Multistakeholder Statement</p>	TM
05. Nov.	Enforcement Through the DNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registry Agreements Registrar Accreditation Agreement Reform of WHOIS Domain name takedowns 	<p>New gTLD Registry Agreement Registrar Accreditation Agreement</p> <p>Material published by Expert Working Group on gTLD Directory Services</p>	TM
11. Nov.	Debate	Students debate a specific Internet governance issue (TBA)		LB+ TM
19. Nov.	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			