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Who governs the Internet?

The Multistakeholder Model of ICANN and the IGF

by

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The question who governs the Internet is the subject of a highly controversial political debate since more than ten years. While some groups – like the Chinese government – argued, that the Internet should be governed by an UN organisation like the ITU, the US government favoured a model where the private sector, in particular ICANN, should take the lead in Internet Governance. The UN World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) agreed after intense discussions in 2005 that a workable and sustainable mechanism, which is able to govern the Internet, needs the involvement of all stakeholders – governments, private sector, civil society and the technical community – in their respective roles. The Internet Governance Forum (IGF), established by WSIS, represents such a new multistakeholder governance model which can be seen as an innovation for global policy development.

Prof. Wolfgang Kleinwächter comes directly from the 5th IGF, which took place in September 2010 in Vilnius, and will report about latest developments in Internet Governance, in particular in fields like the management of critical Internet resources like IP addresses and domain names, the protection of privacy, freedom of expression and intellectual property in the Internet or perspective of cloud computing and the Internet of Things.

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Raiņa bulv. 19, Riga

A get-together following the presentation warmly invites all participants to continue the discussion with snacks and drinks.

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