

## Join the debate...

### Shaping a digital future for all: Our voice, our data, our privacy

The internet offers great opportunities for freedom of expression, participation and transparency. For human rights defenders worldwide, it is a lifeline to share information and make their voices heard. At the same time, online-surveillance, censorship, hate speech and data abuse have risen dramatically. In many developing countries, the effects are particularly chilling. Internet shutdowns during election campaigns and political protests have increased significantly. Digital surveillance, often in the name of national security, has become a constant threat for many journalists and activists. While the Cambridge Analytica scandal has shed light on the massive misuse of personal data in Europe and the United States, the impact of data harvesting in low-income countries with weak data and privacy protection is often ignored.

The half-day conference brings together human rights defenders, development experts, policy-makers and tech managers from Kenya, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Germany and the United States to discuss promising approaches and challenges for inclusive digital societies: How can the right to freedom of expression and the right to privacy be protected in the light of shrinking space for civil society? What human rights risks do big data analytics and machine-based decision-making pose for citizens in the Global South? How can development cooperation maximize benefits, such as better access to information, health and education, and address the challenges of algorithms working as biased black boxes?

#### Time

14.06.2018; 16.00 – 20.00

#### Location

GIZ Representation, Reichpietschufer 20, 10785 Berlin

#### Contact and registration

Isabel Rodde, [digitalrights@giz.de](mailto:digitalrights@giz.de), [Link to the event website](#)

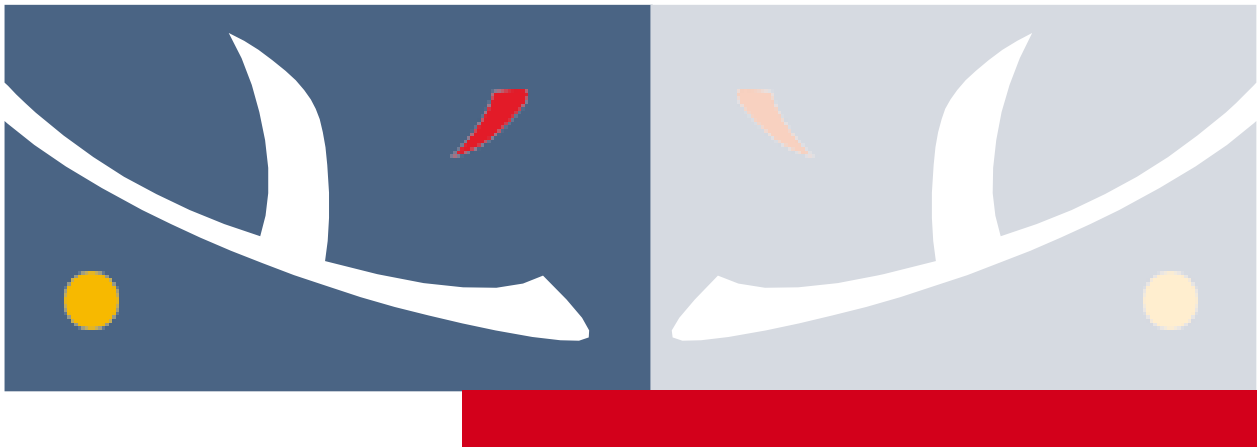
To register, please send an e-mail until 07.06.2018.

# Agenda

Time	Activity	Speakers
16:00	Greetings	Wolf-Michael Dio, Head of Department East Asia, GIZ
16:10	Keynotes <b>The global state of human rights online: Trends, challenges, success stories</b>	David Kaye, UN Special Rapporteur on the right to freedom of opinion and expression Helani Galpaya, LIRNEasia, Sri Lanka  Moderator: Mike Falke, GIZ
17:10	Panel <b>Trolls, takedowns and the spiral of silence: Freedom of expression in the social media</b>	Sabine Frank, Google Germany Lina Ben Mhenni, Blogger, Tunisia Lena Rohrbach, Amnesty International  Moderator: Isabel Rodde, GIZ
18:00	Coffee Break	
18:15	Talk <b>Privacy and data protection: Putting user rights first</b>	Ulf Buermeyer, Gesellschaft für Freiheitsrechte Nighat Dad, Digital Rights Foundation Pakistan Constanze Kurz, netzpolitik.org Semjon Rens, Facebook Germany  Moderator: Geraldine de Bastion, Konnektiv
19:05	Interactive presentation <b>Taking Control of Your Digital Life: The 8-Day Data Detox Kit</b>	Caroline Jane Kent, Tactical Tech Collective
19:20	Panel <b>Artificial intelligence for good: Strategies to open the black box of algorithmic decision-making</b>	Lorena Jaume-Palasi, Algorithm Watch Miguel Luengo-Oroz, UN Global Pulse Nanjira Sambuli, Web Foundation, Kenya  Moderator: Christian Djefal, Alexander-von-Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society
20:10	Closing Words	Annette Seidel, Head of Department "Human rights, gender equality, inclusion of persons with disabilities", BMZ (tbc)
20.15	Reception	

## Speakers

- Dr. Ulf Buermeyer, LL.M. (Columbia), Gesellschaft für Freiheitsrechte (GFF, Society for Civil Rights)
- Nighat Dad, Director, Digital Rights Foundation Pakistan
- Sabine Frank, Senior Policy Counsel, Google Germany
- Helani Galpaya, CEO, LIRNEasia, Sri Lanka
- Lorena Jaume-Palasi, Exec. Director, AlgorithmWatch
- David Kaye, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and the protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression
- Caroline Jane Kent, Deputy Director, Tactical Tech Collective
- Dr. Constanze Kurz, Author, netzpolitik.org, Speaker Chaos Computer Club
- Miguel Luengo-Oroz, Chief Data Scientist, UN Global Pulse
- Lina Ben Mhenni, Blogger, Tunisia
- Semjon Rens, Public Policy Manager, Facebook Germany
- Lena Rohrbach, Expert on Human Rights in the Digital Age, Amnesty International
- Nanjira Sambuli, Digital Equality Advocacy Manager, Web Foundation Kenya



**Shaping a digital future for all: Our voice, our data, our privacy**

## **Speakers**

### **Dr. Ulf Buermeyer, LL.M. (Columbia), Gesellschaft für Freiheitsrechte (GFF, Society for Civil Rights)**

Ulf studied law in Leipzig, Berlin & Paris. Since 2007, he has been working at various courts, including the German Federal Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe where he clerked for Justices Hassemer and Vosskuhle. Ulf is currently judge at Berlin Superior Court (Landgericht). Ulf has also been an activist for human rights issues for more than a decade. Recently, he co-founded Gesellschaft für Freiheitsrechte (GFF, Society for Civil Liberties), an NGO that advances civil rights through strategic litigation. Other than in legal issues, Ulf is deeply interested in computer science & software engineering. He has been writing software since he got a C64 for his 10th birthday. At present, he codes mostly for iOS and builds backends in PHP & Swift.

### **Nighat Dad, Director, Digital Rights Foundation Pakistan**

Nighat Dad is a Pakistani lawyer and internet activist. She is the founder and executive director of the Digital Rights Foundation that provides digital security trainings and a helpline for women to prevent cyberbullying. In 2015, she was named in the TIME magazine's list of next generation leaders, for helping Pakistani women fight online harassment. In 2016, she was awarded the Atlantic Council Digital Freedom Award and the Dutch government's Human Rights Tulip award.

### **Wolf-Michael Dio, Head of Department East Asia, GIZ**

Born in 1961, Wolf-Michael Dio graduated in Agricultural Engineering and holds a Master Degree in Financial Management. From 1992 to 1996, he worked as a project economist at the Asian Development Bank in the Philippines. Wolf has been working for GIZ since 1996. After being project manager in Bolivia and working in the sectorial department at the GIZ's headquarter in Germany, he managed the department in Southern Africa from 2008 to 2012 and after that the department „Africa's Supraregional Cooperation“. In 2015, Wolf worked as the GIZ Country Director in Brazil. He is currently working as the head of the division East Asia.

### **Sabine Frank, Senior Policy Counsel Google Germany GmbH**

Sabine Frank, who holds a Master Degree in Law, is a policy counsel for Google Germany GmbH. From 2001 to 2012, Sabine was the managing director of "Freiwillige Selbstkontrolle Multimedia-Diensteanbieter e.V." ("Voluntary self-control multimedia service providers"/ FSM). Within the scope of her work at Google, she holds a couple of honorary posts, e.g. as member of the advisory board of klicksafe and vice-chair of the FSM board.

### **Helani Galpaya, CEO LIRNEasia**

Helani Galpaya is CEO of LIRNEasia, a pro-poor, pro-market think tank working across the emerging Asia Pacific on ICT policy and regulatory issues. Her recent research and policy contributions have been on issues related to digital platforms, digitisation and labour, net neutrality, internet access, digital divide and broadband quality of service. She serves on the board of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data, on the MAG (multistakeholder advisory group) of the UN Internet Governance Forum and on the Board of Editors of the Information Technology and International Development journal. She was an advisor to the UN Broadband Commission's working group on Bridging the Gender Digital Divide.

### **Lorena Jaume-Palasi, AlgorithmWatch**

Lorena Jaume-Palasi is the executive director of AlgorithmWatch, a non-profit organisation to evaluate and shed light on algorithmic and automatization processes that have a social relevance. Her work focuses on philosophy of law and ethics of automatization and digitization. The Spanish government appointed Lorena a member of the Council of the Wise on Artificial Intelligence and Data Politics. 2018 she was elected by the Cotec Foundation as a member of its 100 experts for social change and innovation for her work on automatization and ethics. Lorena is a Bucerius Fellow of the ZEIT-Stiftung. She is a founder of the Dynamic Coalition on Publicness of the United Nations Internet Governance Forum. She also serves as the head of the secretariat of the German Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and on the expert advisory board of the Code Red initiative against mass surveillance. Lorena has co-authored several books on Internet Governance and lectures and writes regularly on data protection, privacy, discrimination and the public sphere.

### **David Kaye, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression**

David Kaye has been appointed UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression in August 2014.

Mr Kaye is clinical professor of law at the University of California, Irvine, School of Law. He teaches international human rights law and international humanitarian law and directs a clinic in international justice. His research and writing focus on accountability for serious human rights abuses and the law governing use of force. He has collaborated with local and national governments, major international NGOs as well as those at the grassroots, international organizations, and academic institutions around the world.

### **Caroline Jane Kent, Deputy Director Tactical Tech Collective**

Caroline has over 18 years of experience in campaigning, political advocacy and communications around social justice and women's rights. Before joining Tactical Tech as Deputy Director, Caroline was part of the executive team of DSW, an international Foundation working on sexual and reproductive health and rights. Caroline studied Social Sciences in Hannover, Germany and holds a Master's degree in European Studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

### **Dr. Constanze Kurz, Author, netzpolitik.org**

Constanze Kurz holds a doctorate in informatics and has authored and published various books. Her column „Aus dem Maschinenraum“ appears in the feuilleton of the FAZ. She is activist and honorary spokesperson of the Chaos Computer Club. Constanze is a researcher at the chair for „Informatik in Bildung und Gesellschaft“ of the Humboldt University of Berlin and

served as an expert for the committee of enquiry „Internet und digitale Gesellschaft“ of the Bundestag. She received the Werner-Holtfort-Preis for civil and human rights engagement, the Tolerance Prize for Courage and the Theodor-Heuss medal for exemplary democratic behavior.

### **Miguel Luengo-Oroz, Chief Data Scientist, UN Global Pulse**

Miguel is Chief Scientist at UN Global Pulse, an innovation initiative at the Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary-General, harnessing Big Data for global development. He leads the data science team across the network of Global Pulse Labs in New York, Jakarta and Kampala, which provide "innovation as a service", developing Big Data projects together with UN system partners. Miguel is the founding director of MalariaSpot.org - videogames and crowdsourcing for diagnosis of malaria and other global health diseases, based at the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid. As an antisciplinary scientist, over the last 10 years, he has been working on innovative projects at the crossroads of international development, social innovation, global health and systems biology with data science. Miguel is Ashoka fellow (2013) and GSP10 from Singularity University at NASA. He obtained a PhD in biomedical engineering, MSc in cognitive sciences and MSc in telecommunications engineering.

### **Lina Ben Mhenni, Blogger, Tunisia**

Lina Ben Mhenni is a Tunisian internet activist, human rights defender, blogger, ex-assistant lecturer in linguistics at Tunis University, freelance translator and writer. She blogs as "A Tunisian Girl". She rose to prominence during the Tunisian revolution of 2011, when she was one of the few Tunisian cyber activists to criticize the repressive government openly in the internet and international broadcasts. Much of Lina's writing focuses on freedom of expression and the rights of women and students. She has published for The Guardian, La Repubblica, CNN.com and Global Voices Online. Currently, Lina writes about the incomplete state of Tunisia's revolution and campaigns for continued reform and democracy. She was nominated for the Nobel peace prize in 2011.

### **Semjon Rens, Public Policy Manager, Facebook Germany**

Semjon Rens has been working as Public Policy Manager for Facebook Germany with a focus on data protection and cyber security since February 2016. Prior to joining Facebook, he worked for Miller & Meier Consulting and StudiVZ, amongst others. Semjon Rens studied in Berlin and Stanford and has a degree in European Studies.

### **Lena Rohrbach, Amnesty International**

Lena Rohrbach works for Amnesty International in Germany as an expert on human rights in the digital age, arms export control, and business and human rights. She studied Philosophy, History and Cultural Studies at Humboldt University of Berlin and International Human Rights Law at the University of Nottingham. Before joining Amnesty International, she worked for Greenpeace, as a campaigner for German campaign NGO Campact, and as a press spokesperson for the Pirate Party.

### **Nanjira Sambuli, Digital Equality Advocacy Manager, Web Foundation**

Nanjira leads the Web Foundation's advocacy efforts to promote digital equality in access to and use of the Web. A Nairobi-based researcher and analyst, Nanjira brings broad expertise as an advocate and consultant working at the intersection of governance, media, culture and society. Immediately prior to joining the Web Foundation, Nanjira was Research Lead at the iHub in Nairobi, where she helped shape governance and tech research, and provided strategic

guidance for the growth of technology research in East Africa. Nanjira is also a columnist for the Daily Nation newspaper in Kenya, a member of DFID's Digital Advisory Panel, and served as a deputy on the United Nations High Level Panel for Women's Economic Empowerment (2016-17).

## Moderators

### **Geraldine de Bastion, Konnektiv**

Geraldine de Bastion is an expert on information and communication technology and new media for development. She also works with activists and bloggers around the world. Geraldine is founder of the consultancy Konnektiv GbR. She works as a free curator and moderator for re:publica and other international events. Geraldine has an honorary position as head of board at the German NGO Digitale Gesellschaft e.V. and is an active member of iceBauhaus e.V.

### **Dr. Christian Djeffal, Alexander-von-Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society**

Dr. Christian Djeffal is a PostDoc at Alexander-von-Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society and heads the project "Digital Public Administration". His research focuses on questions of artificial intelligence and its possible effects on society and the state in Professor Ingolf Pernice's research area "global constitutionalism". Furthermore, he deals with questions of data protection and IT security law, freedom of information and the digitization of law. He is a member of the National E-Government Competence Center (NEGZ) and the responsible person in the Open Government Network Germany to advocate transparent and comprehensible AI-applications in public administration. He is currently permanent visiting scholar at the Center for Information Technology, Society and Law at University of Zurich (ITSL).

### **Dr. Mike Falke, Head of the "Governance and Human Rights" section, GIZ**

Dr. Mike Falke is Head of the "Governance and Human Rights" section at GIZ in Bonn. He manages a broad portfolio of advisory services ranging from classical governance and human rights programmes to sector-specific projects in areas such as urban development and climate-resilient cities. Mike Falke graduated from Law School at the Technical University of Dresden and obtained his master's degree at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London on "Law and Development", a topic he pursued with his dissertation at Humboldt University Berlin in 2003. After his studies, he gained experience at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and in an international law firm in Berlin. In 2005, he joined GTZ headquarters in Eschborn working for International Services and for the Corporate Development Unit. In 2009, he was seconded to the Policy Division of BMZ in Bonn. From 2010 to 2015, Mike Falke was head of the GIZ Program 'Legal and Judicial Reform Serbia'.

### **Isabel Rodde, Human Rights Adviser, GIZ**

Isabel Rodde is a governance and human rights adviser at Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), focusing on digital rights and digital security, freedom of expression and access to information. Before joining GIZ's Human Rights Programme, she worked as a research associate at the media department of the University of Flensburg. From 2005 to 2008 and from 2011 to 2013 she worked as a journalism trainer, media adviser and researcher with the Royal University of Phnom Penh in Cambodia and the Media Council in Kenya. Prior to that, she worked as an online-editor and freelance journalist for Heinrich-Böll-Foundation, Frankfurter Rundschau and several German broadcasting stations. She holds an MA in Cultural and Media Sciences and is a trained journalist and video cutter.