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CENTRE FOR COMMUNICATION GOVERNANCE

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM
2014



MEMBERSHIP OF ACADEMIC AND POLICY- ORGANIZATIONS' COMMITTEES AND NETWORKS

- ❖ Global Network of Interdisciplinary Internet & Society Research Centers.
- ❖ Internet & Jurisdiction Project's Observatory.
- ❖ Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group constituted by the Government of India for the Indian Internet Governance Forum.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE (2014)

TEACHING & CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- ❖ <http://ccgtr.org> is an education and research resource on media policy. Developed this in collaboration with the Programme in Comparative Media Law & Policy at the University of Oxford.
- ❖ The first Indian satellite course of Harvard Law School and Berkman Centre for Internet & Society's 'CopyrightX'. This was offered as an elective seminar course to fourth and fifth year law students at National Law University, Delhi from January to June 2014.
- ❖ Workshop on 'Media & Internet Law & Policy' for PRS Legislative Research's Legislative Assistants to Members of Parliament on 7th and 8th November 2014.
- ❖ Session on 'Domestic Bodies and International Mechanisms' at the Center for Internet and Society Bangalore's second Institute on Internet and Society, Pune 2014.

RESEARCH & POLICY BRIEFS

- ❖ The India case study on 'Online Intermediaries' for the Global Network of Interdisciplinary Internet & Society Research Centers, led by the Berkman Centre for Internet & Society at Harvard Law School.
- ❖ [India country report](#) for Freedom House's 'Freedom on the Net - 2014' report.
- ❖ Briefing reports for Indian stakeholders on three major global internet governance events in 2014: the [Internet Governance Forum](#) (September) in Istanbul, Turkey, [ICANN 51](#) (October) in Los Angeles, USA, and the [International Telecommunications Union Plenipotentiary Conference](#) (October) in Busan, South Korea.
- ❖ Report on The Indian Surveillance Framework (July 2014) on behalf of iProbono to feed into a Privacy International project on surveillance regimes across the globe.
- ❖ [Policy response](#) to the Consultation on International Public Policy Issues, pertaining specifically to the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation (WGEC).
- ❖ [Policy response](#) to the Law Commission of India in response to its Consultation Paper on Media Laws.
- ❖ Inputs to the World Intermediary Liability Map Project: [India Section](#) undertaken by the Centre for Internet & Society at Stanford Law School.
- ❖ [Formal comment](#) on the draft IANA transition proposal prepared by the ICANN Cross Community Working Group on Naming Related Functions.



WORKSHOPS & PANEL DISCUSSIONS ORGANISED

- Consultation on ‘Digital Journalism’ in collaboration with the Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia & the Free Speech Hub at The Hoot (14th December 2013).
- Consultation on **‘Mapping the Digital Media in India’** in collaboration with the Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Milia & Maraa, media and arts collective (8th February 2014).
- ‘Media Law & Policy Curriculum Development’ workshop (16th February 2014).
- Panel Discussion on **‘Intermediary Liability & Freedom of Expression in India’** in collaboration with the Global Network Initiative, Washington DC (26th March 2014).
- Round table on ‘Mapping the Digital Media in India Report’ in collaboration with the Centre for Culture, Media & Governance at Jamia Millia Islamia, the Centre for Internet & Society and Maraa - Media and Arts Collective (20th and 21st May 2014).
- Consultation to draft rules under the Whistle Blowers Protection Act, 2011 in collaboration with the National Campaign for People’s Right to Information (NCPRI) (5th July 2014).
- Round table discussion and briefing on internet-related proposals ahead of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference for Indian stakeholders at the India International Centre in New Delhi (17th October 2014).

POLICY INPUTS

- Policy response to the consultation on international public policy issues, pertaining specifically to the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation.
- Policy response to the Law Commission of India in response to the Consultation Paper on Media Law.
- Inputs for the the India section of the World Intermediary Liability Map Project undertaken by the Centre for Internet & Society at Stanford Law School.
- Part of a civil society delegation at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Busan, South Korea, that assisted the Indian government in re-drafting its proposal on “ Exploring network functionalities for evincing trust and confidence” (October 2014).
- Formal comment on the draft IANA transition proposal prepared by the ICANN Cross Community Working Group on Naming Related Functions.

CONFERENCES

- ‘Hate Speech and The Internet’, organised by NALSAR University of Law in collaboration with the British High Commission (January 2014).
- Panel titled ‘Governance of the Internet for Kids, Teenagers and

Youngsters’ at the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (August 2014).

- Workshop on ‘Online Intermediaries’ organised by the Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Harvard Law School and the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study (August 2014).
- Second Annual Internet & Jurisdiction Observatory Meeting, Berlin (May 2014).
- Panel titled ‘Does Speech Matter?’, at the Symposium on Dangerous Speech, Myanmar (June 2014).
- Workshop on Internet Law and Practice, Media Legal Defence Initiative (September 2014).
- Panel discussion titled ‘The Power of Communication: The Media, Public Space and Participatory Democracy’, the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla (October 2014).
- ‘The Evolution of the Internet Governance Ecosystem, a Network of Centers symposium, Turin, Italy (October 2014).
- Panel sessions titled ‘State of the Internet: Net Neutrality and other aspects of Internet Governance’ and ‘Role of India in Global Cyberspace’ at the 2014 Annual Information Security Summit organised by the Data Security Council of India in Mumbai (December 2014).
- Panel discussion titled ‘Surveillance and safeguards: Understanding where interception ends and rights begin’ at the Fifth International Free Software Conference in Trivandrum, hosted by the Kerala government’s International Centre for Free and Open Software (ICFOSS) (December 2014).

PUBLISHED COMMENTS

- **Big Brother is Watching you** (Op-ed, The Hindu, Jan 2014)
- **Making the Powerful Accountable** (Op-ed, The Hindu, Jan 2014)
- **Filtering content on the internet** (Op-ed, The Hindu, May 2014)
- **Private censorship and the right to hear** (Op-ed, The Hindu, July 2014)
- **‘Kiss of Love’ arrests and the heckler’s veto** (Op-ed, The Hindu, Nov 2014)
- **Trapped in the Web** (Op-ed, The Indian Express, Nov 2014)
- **Why India must engage with ICANN** (Op-ed, The Hindu, Dec 2014)
- **Keep the Net neutral** (Op-ed, The Economic Times, Dec 2014)

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