The National Center for Digital Government sponsors seminars, workshops and brownbag meetings to stimulate new thinking and research on digital government.

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Seminar Series on Information, Institutions and Governance

Spring 2005

January 12, Swiss Consulate, 420 Broadway, Cambridge, MA, 12:00–1 p.m.
Duncan J. Watts, Columbia University
Comment by Stephen Borgatti, Boston College
Title: Six Degrees: The Science of a Connected Age (streaming video)
Co-sponsored with Cambridge Colloquium on Complexity and Social Networks

February 7, Bell Hall, Noon - 1:30 p.m.
James S. Fishkin, Stanford University
Comment by Jane Mansbridge, Harvard University
Title: Consulting the Public Thoughtfully: Online and Face to Face Deliberative Democracy
Co-sponsored with Cambridge Colloquium on Complexity and Social Networks

March 14, Bell Hall, Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Pamela J. Hinds, Stanford University
Title: Dynamics in Internationally Distributed Teams
Co-sponsored with Cambridge Colloquium on Complexity and Social Networks

April 4, Bell Hall, Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Shanto Iyengar, Stanford University
Title: Does Info tech energize young voters? Experimental evidence from the 2002 and 2004 elections

April 11, Bell Hall, Noon – 1:30 p.m.
C. Suzanne Iacono, The National Science Foundation
Title: Cyber-infrastructure for the people: Getting There From Here

April 13, Swiss Consulate, 420 Broadway, Cambridge, MA, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
John Holland, University of Michigan
Title: A Model of Language Acquisition and Evolution
Co-sponsored with Cambridge Colloquium on Complexity and Social Networks
Fall 2004

September 23, Bell Hall, 12:00-1:30 p.m.
Cass Sunstein, Karl N. Llewellyn Distinguished Service Professor of Jurisprudence, University of Chicago Law School
Title: Group Judgments: Deliberation, Statistical Means, and Information Markets,
co-sponsored with RPP and Cambridge Colloquium on Complexity and Social Networks

October 4, Bell Hall 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Darrell West, Brown University
Title: Global Perspectives on E-Government

November 1, Bell Hall, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Siobhan O’Mahony, Harvard Business School
Title: Managing the Boundaries of an Open Project
Co-sponsored with Cambridge Colloquium on Complexity and Social Networks

December 6, Bell Hall, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Andrea Hollingshead, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
Title: Strategic Information Sharing in Computer-Mediated Groups.
Co-sponsored with Cambridge Colloquium on Complexity and Social Networks

Spring 2004

February 19, CBRSS, 34 Kirkland Street, 12:00-1:30 p.m.
Bernardo Huberman,
Systems Research Center, Hewlett Packard Laboratories
Title: Information Dynamics in the Networked World

March 1, Bell Hall, 12:00-1:30 p.m.
George Apostolakis, MIT Department of Nuclear Engineering
Title: Digital Instrumentation and Control Issues in Nuclear Reactor Safety
-> slides of the presentation (pdf)

March 15, Bell Hall, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Mark Newman, University of Michigan: Clustering and community structure in networks, Co-sponsored with the Cambridge Colloquium for Complexity and Social Networks.

April 5, Bell Hall, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Sara Kiesler, Carnegie Mellon University, Human-Computer Interaction Institut
Title: Research collaborations
-> slides of the presentation (pdf)

April 13, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Taubman Building, Allison Dining Room
David Stark, Columbia University, Center on Organizational Innovation: Policy Made Public: Technologies of Deliberation and Representation in Rebuilding Lower Manhattan.
-> David Stark: [cv], [homepage]

April 13, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Taubman Building, Allison Dining Room
David Stark, Columbia University, Center on Organizational Innovation, Research Methods Workshop: Sequence Analysis

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- [organizing technologies]

May 10, Bell Hall, 12:00-1:30 p.m.
Wanda Orlikowski, MIT, Sloan School of Management, Organization Studies Group: Studying Information Technology in Organizations: A Practice Perspective.

May 21, Taubman 301, 12:30-3:00 p.m.
Richard Rogers, Professor in Media Studies, University of Amsterdam: Legible Networks - Mapping Issues on the Web

Introduce the theory, methods, claims and politics behind the Issue Crawler, server-side network location software that maps and analyses networks of the Web, based on hyperlink analysis.

Fall 2003

September 15, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Taubman AB, fifth floor, KSG
Paul DiMaggio, Princeton University, Inequality On-Line: Has the Digital Revolution Reduced Inequality or Exacerbated It?, co-sponsored by the Inequality and Social Policy Seminar.

October 1, 4-5:30 p.m., Fainsod Room (L-324), KSG
Bruce P. Mehlman, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Technology Policy: Offshore IT Outsourcing and Global Competitiveness
co-sponsored by STPP, CBG and MIT TPP.
For more information, click here.

October 6, 12-1:30 p.m., Fainsod Room (L-324), KSG
John G. Palfry, Executive Director, Berkman Center for Internet & Society, Harvard Law School: Getting Past the ICANN Mess: Net Governance Problems that People Care About, co-sponsored with The Governance of Information Seminar Series.

October 20, 12:00-1:30 p.m., CBRSS
Robert Axtell, Brookings Institution "Self-Governance: Agent Modeling of Endogenous, Emergent Institutions"
Note location: Center for Basic Research in the Social Sciences, 34 Kirkland St (walk diagonally through the Yard toward Memorial Hall, turn left at Quincy St turn right at Kirkland St.).

November 3, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Bell Hall, KSG
Martin Eppler, Professor, University of Lugano, Switzerland: Governing Information Quality, co-sponsored with The Governance of Information Seminar Series.

November 10, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Bell Hall, fifth floor, KSG
Sandy Pentland, MIT Media Lab "Technology, Change, and Policy": How
technological change can either undercut or enhance policy, and how one can think about managing this process.

**November 24, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Bell Hall, KSG**
Paul Schwartz, Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School: Evaluating Telecom Surveillance in the US and Europe: Is Empirical Work Possible?
Co-sponsored with the Governance of Information Seminar Series.

**December 8, 12:00-1:30 p.m., CBRSS -> postponed to spring semester**
Bernardo Huberman, Systems Research Center, Hewlett Packard Laboratories
"Information Dynamics in the Networked World"
Note location: CBRSS, 34 Kirkland St.

**Spring 2003**

**February 3, 2003, 11:30 a.m., Fainsod, KSG**
J. Richard Hackman, Cahners-Rabb Professor of Social and Organizational Psychology, Harvard University, What It Takes to Connect the Dots: Individual vs. Team Approaches to Intelligence Analysis.

**March 13, 2003, 11:30 a.m., Fainsod, KSG**
Laurence Prusak, Researcher and Consultant. He was the founder and Executive Director of the Institute for Knowledge Management (IKM), a global consortium formed to advance the practice of knowledge management though action research, What Is a Knowledge-based Organization?, co-sponsored with the Cambridge Colloquium on Complexity and Social Networks.

**April 17, 2003, 6:00 p.m., Starr Auditorium, KSG**

**April 21, 2003, 11:30 a.m., Fainsod, KSG**
Peter Shane, Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Public Policy and Director, Institute for the Study of Information Technology and Society, The H John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management, Carnegie Mellon University, Institutionalizing On-Line Democratic Deliberation, co-sponsored with The Regulatory Policy Program.

**May 5, 2003, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., BCSIA Library, KSG**
V. K. Samararatne, Director, University of Colombo School of Computing, Sri Lanka, Digital Government in Developing Countries - Issues and Strategies, co-sponsored with Science, Technology and Public Policy Program.

**May 12, 2003, 11:30 a.m., Bell Hall, KSG**
PowerPoint slides of the seminar.
Fall 2002

September 19, 11:30 a.m., Bell Hall
Barry Wellman, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, Netting Together: Has There Been a Turn Towards Networked Individualism, co-sponsored with the Cambridge Colloquium on Complexity and Social Networks.

October 16, 11:30 a.m., Bell Hall
David Clark, Senior Research Scientist, Laboratory for Computer Sciences and Director, Program on Internet & Telecoms Convergence, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Does Technology Matter to Digital Government?

October 30

November 4, 12:00 p.m., CBRSS, 34 Kirkland Street, Cambridge, MA
Noshir Contractor, Professor of Speech Communication and Psychology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, The Co-evolution of Knowledge Networks and the 21st Century, co-sponsored with the Cambridge Colloquium on Complexity and Social Networks.

November 14, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Bell Hall,

December 12, 11:30 a.m., Faculty Dining Room, KSG
Lewis M. Branscomb, Aetna Professor of Public Policy and Corporate Management emeritus, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Responding To Terrorism: Is the New Department of Homeland Security the Answer?

Workshops
The National Center has facilitated and sponsored several workshops. Three national workshops have been organized to build research agendas in the areas of identity (Camp, 2003); e-rulemaking (Coglianese, 2003) and social science foundations of digital government research (Fountain, 2003). In addition, NCI has sponsored several half-day workshops on research methodologies to build theory and tools for information technology research.

-> see workshop website for research papers and reports
-> pictures

-> Workshop report

http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/digital_center/events.htm
-> Workshop report

Workshop on Deliberation and Representation in the 21st Century with Kenn Cukier (KSG), Kevin Esterling (Brown University), Jane Fountain (KSG), Kath Goldschmidt (Congressional Management Foundation), David Hart (KSG), Matthew Hindman (KSG and Princeton), Nancy Katz (KSG), David King (KSG), David Lazer (KSG), Michael Neblo (Ohio University), Maria Scharf (KSG and University of St. Gallen), and Richard Shapiro (Congressional Management Foundation), January 10, 2003, Kennedy School of Government.

The E-government Barometer for Switzerland, a research method workshop presented by Prof. Kuno Schedler, University of St. Gallen, November 14, 200: Kennedy School of Government.

Computer Networks are Social Networks, a research method workshop presented by Prof. Barry Wellman, September 19, 2002, Kennedy School of Government

Information, Institutions and Governance: Advancing a Basic Social Science Research Agenda for Digital Government, a national workshop, sponsored by the National Science Foundation and led by Jane Fountain, June 2002, Kennedy School of Government.
-> Workshop report
-> Workshop homepage

Brown Bags
The National Center will also be sponsoring brown bags on ongoing technology and digital research

April 1, 2003, 12:00 p.m., 104 Mt. Auburn Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, brown bag on "Googlearchy: How a free Heavily-Linked Sites Dominate Politics Online" with Matthew Hindman (KSG and Princeton).

May 27, 2003, 12:00 p.m., 104 Mt. Auburn Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, brown bag on "Exploration and exploitation: Toward a theory of knowledge sharing in digital government projects" with Maria C. Scharf (KSG and University of St. Gallen).

October 24, 2003, 12:00 p.m., Taubman, T401, KSG, brown bag on "Internal Governance revisited: Think Decentralisation" with Marc Holitscher (University of Zurich).


November 25, 2003, 12:00 a.m., L330, KSG, brown bag lunch, Dr. Tobias
Goessling, Assistant Professor, Tilburg University, The Netherlands: "Networks, Institutions and Proximity".