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Seminar Series on Information, Institutions and Governance

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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 Institute

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

- > [\[social times paper\]](#)
- > [\[organization of responsiveness\]](#)
- > [\[tools trade\]](#)
- > [\[organizing technologies\]](#)

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: Workshop 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.

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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 through 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

[Talal Abu-Ghazaleh](#), Chairman, Talal Abu-Gazaleh Organization, Information and Communication Technologies for Development: Fostering International Cooperation, co-sponsored with the [Science, Technology, and Public Policy Program](#).

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. Samaranayake](#), 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

[Archon Fung](#), KSG, [Mary Graham](#), KSG, and [David Weil](#), KSG, Bell Hall, [The Political Economy of Transparency: What Makes Disclosure Policies Sustainable](#) co-sponsored with [The Regulatory Policy Program](#).
[PowerPoint slides of the seminar](#).

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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

[Jane Fountain](#), STPP Seminar, [A National Center for Digital Government: Integrating Information and Institution.](#)

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 Complexity and Social Networks](#).

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

[Kuno Schedler](#), Professor for Management Economics, University of St Gallen, Switzerland, [What Governments Do and Why? Electronic Government in Europe.](#)

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?](#)

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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.

[Hungarian US R&D Workshop](#), Budapest, March 21-24, 2004, sponsored by [NSF](#) and [ELTE Ithaka](#).

-> see [workshop website](#) for research papers and reports

-> [pictures](#)

[The Virtual Citizen: Identity, Autonomy, and Accountability: A Civic Scenario Exploration of the Role of Identity in On-Line Governance](#), a national workshop organized and led by [Prof. Jean Camp](#), sponsored by NSF and the National Center for Digital Government, April 28-29, 2003.

-> [Workshop report](#)

[E-Rulemaking: New Directions for Technology and Regulation Conference](#), a national workshop, sponsored by the Regulatory Policy Program, Kennedy School of Government, led by Cary Coglianese, January 21-22, 2003, Kennedy School of Government.

-> [Workshop report](#)

Workshop on Deliberation and Representation in the 21st Century with Kenneth 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, 2002, 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.

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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 "[Intern Governance revisited: Think Decentralisation](#)" with Marc Holitscher (University of Zurich).

November 19, 2003, 11:30 a.m., Taubman T301, KSG, brown bag lunch, Ravi Shah, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign: "Coding", Doctoral Fellow, National Center of Digital Government.

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".

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