

ICTs and inequality: making a difference

3. The international policy arena and Internet governance

Outline

1. The international policy arena
 - Why is it important?
 - Understanding interests: why things happen as they do.
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 - A threefold division of society
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 - Civil Society
 - Where are the voices of the poor and marginalised?
3. The World Summit on the Information Society and the evolution of multi-stakeholder dialogue
 - WSIS 2003 and 2005
 - Interpreting multistakeholderism
 - From MDGs to SDGs
 - i. Comments on sustainability
 - WSIS annual forums
 - WSIS and Internet Governance
4. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and global policy formulation
 - The ITU: a brief overview
 - The World Conference on International Communications (WCIT) 2012
 - Government interests
5. ICANN and the domain name system
 - Origins of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
 - The IANA transition
 - The private sector interests
6. The Internet Governance Forum: a voice for Civil Society.
 - Origins
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7. Alternative Forums
 - NETmundial
 - The London Process
8. The future of multi-stakeholderism and the Internet
 - How many internets?
 - Net-neutrality?
 - In whose interests?

Suggested readings

Institutional websites:

ICANN <http://www.icann.org>
IGF <http://www.intgovforum.org>
ITU <http://www.itu.int>

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